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REFLECTIONS ON THE SURRENDER OF CRONJE.

One of the queer things connected with the heroic defense of General Cronje is the disposition to regard it as the greatest feat of the kind since Thermopylæ. There were 40,000 British troops pursuing Cronje's army of 7,000 or 8,000. The latter were brought to bay 10 days ago, and at the end of that time surrendered, that is, what was left of them after casualties and escapes of small bodies from time to time had reduced the strength of the main body. This is now said to have been 4,000, so that Roberts had ten times as many men. But contrast this with Lee's surrender at Appomattox of 8,800 arms-bearing men to 180,000 of Grant's men on the ground, over twenty times as many. Yet the improvements in arms since Lee's surrender have changed the advantage possessed by the defense from 3 to 1, in Lee's time, to 10 to 1 in Cronje's time. So that, calculated in this way, which is the military experts' way of looking at it, Cronje's relative strength was *six times* as great as Lee's.

There is another view of this South African war which Cronje's surrender calls up. The European continental press is teeming with expressions of sorrow for the Boers, and some of them are urging intervention by the Powers in their behalf. Yet not one of these nations came to the assistance of the South in its heroic and unparalleled struggle for independence against the Northern invaders in 1861-5, although the South was never under the suzerainty of the North, while the Boers were, or had been, under the suzerainty of Great Britain.

The Boers are making a magnificent fight for their liberty; they are slaveholders, while their foes are abolitionists; they are a rural and pastoral people living under a sort of patriarchal system of government; they deserve our warmest sympathy and deserve to win—but no one who believes that the South was wrong in 1861-5 can consistently sympathize with the Boers now.

General Roberts seems to be treating his prisoners with the same courtesy which General Grant exhibited to Lee's army; but does any one believe that if President Kruger is captured he will be manacled, as President Davis was? Or does any one imagine for a moment that if the British free the Boer slaves they will fail to pay for them as they did in the case of the West Indian slave owners in 1833? Or that they will scourge the conquered Boers with an army of thieving carpet-baggers? Or, having disfranchised their best citizens, enfranchise their newly-freed slaves?

The British do not even call the Boers rebels. Yet the invaders of the South called the freeborn and independent people whom they were so foully wronging, "rebels."

We greatly suspect that the strong expressions of sympathy with the Boers which the freedom-loving Russians and other Europeans are so loudly proclaiming, spring only from hostility to the Anglo-Saxon colossus which beats them in the quest of commerce.

Our generals in Luzon, by the way, might take a leaf out of Roberts's book. They have 65,000 troops there, and for a year have been trying to capture Aguinaldo with his half civilized soldiers, many of them armed with bows and arrows. So far they have only captured his wife and scared his poor old mother to death.

A PITIABLE FIGURE—HOW TO REMOVE HIM; HOW TO ENTRENCH WHAT HE STANDS FOR.

What a pitiable figure the President of this great country is presenting now. In his message to Congress he referred to the fact that Porto Rico enjoyed free trade, or practically free trade, with Spain, and pointed out our "plain duty" under the circumstances in these words:

"The markets of the United States should be opened up to her products. Our plain duty is to abolish *all* customs tariffs between the United States and Porto Rico and give her products *free* access to our markets."

But the men who supplied the boodle to buy up the election officers in the States necessary to defeat Bryan in 1896, hold a mortgage on this unfortunate man. Speaking through Grosvenor, of Ohio, the slanderous person who charged Mr. Bryan with responsibility for the Philippine war, these boodle owners of Mr. McKinley say of the bill to tax the products of Porto Rico 25 per cent.:

"Nothing would give the President so much sorrow as the defeat of this bill. * * I think I know the President reasonably well, and I am justified in announcing that the President wants this bill passed."

And the President has made no disavowal of Grosvenor's "announcement."

It will be easy to defeat this candidate for re-election, so disloyal to our institutions, if the efforts to keep asunder those who oppose what he stands for, can be defeated. Those of his opponents who contribute to such efforts are, it seems to us, erring very greatly. The latest move in this direction is a renewal of the attempt to dislodge Senator Jones from the chairmanship of the Democratic executive committee. Those who are interesting themselves in this matter know that as long as that incorruptible and fearless man holds the Democratic helm, the policy of the party will be to unite *all* the forces opposed to McKinleyism and Hannaism. With such union the victory of the Democracy is easy; without it, impossible.

Those who hold the doctrines of Democracy and whose interests are best served by the Democracy's control of the government, are always, and in the nature of things, in the majority. The efforts of its opponents are necessarily, therefore, directed to keeping it separated into factions. If they can fan the flame of discord between them so that, in blind fury, they come to blows over the prostrate body of the Republic itself, so much the better; for it is the death of the Republic which they seek.

The issue between the Republic and the Empire is now too plain to be evaded. We trust that those who call themselves Democrats, whatever others may do, will set their faces against all things calculated to aid the purpose of our enemies.

CUNINGHAM ON THE AMENDMENT.

Why Every White Man in North Carolina Should Give It His Support and His Vote.

Representative government is organized to express the will of the people in the law, and to faithfully interpret the same by the judiciary and enforce it by the arm of the executive power.

According to the theory, at least, of our government, the expression, interpretation and execution are all entrusted to those whom the will of the people designate.

Everything, therefore, depends upon the intelligence directing that will: its moral and intellectual forces. The difference lies just here, between license and liberty—between the tyranny of the mob, which is anarchy enthroned, and the independence and order secured by the just distribution of the greatest good to the greatest number.

The miracle in political history is the survival of representative institutions in this country of the Southern States, weighed down by an immense mass, a mountainous bulk of ignorance and prejudice, incapable of intelligent thought, or wise decision; a monstrous weight, to be rolled in any direction that its wily controllers and managers may see fit to dictate.

It will one day be regarded with astonishment, that the proud indomnitable Anglo Saxon people, whose brain has been controlling the civil polity of the Union for nearly a century, and whose gallantry had led its arms to victory, with Washington at Yorktown, Scott at Lundy's Lane and Taylor at Buena Vista, to say nothing of their four years of unparalleled fighting against thrice their number, in the war between the States, should have tolerated the impossible burden laid upon them.

With 120,000 voters, many of them former slaves, and the mass not only ignorant, but incapable, short of many generations, of the intelligent, unbiased and incorruptible use of suffrage, there has been a condition of unstable equilibrium, to borrow a term from psysics.

Every election becomes a crisis. Whatever may be the point of difference as to policies in any respect, the white man has been obliged to sink all things to prevent the greatest possible calamity to his State, his race, his best interests, his very home and sacred shrine of life itself.

The results of domination by negro voters are always the same. They may be read in the bloody tale of San Domingo, in the rapine, bloodshed and ruin that overspread Louisiana for ten years; the wholesale plunder of South Carolina, the degradation that fell upon North Carolina, when her judiciary was exhausted, her educational fund absorbed, her governmental expenses immensely increased, and the effort made to render her forever a "hewer of wood and drawer of water" to the holders of a vast volume of fictitious debts piled mountains high.

Fortunately a supreme effort, and the relegation of all issues to the rear brought safety to white civilization, and destroyed the fabric of corruption, before time and power had cemented it into the monument of our financial slavery.

Almost a generation passed, when a body of citizens, eager to advance certain theories of reform, and forgetful of the invariable result of counting the vote controlled in the interest of the negro, in the delusive belief that the negro would be content to vote and shout, and seek no power or profit for himself, were shocked to see in a brief time over one thousand negro officeholders in Eastern North Carolina alone.

But the worse thing they saw was, what might have been foretold from the nature of things, that men who sought the votes of negroes as such, not being able to appeal to higher and noble principles for action, must needs surrender trusts and responsibilities to ignorance and brutality; and the result was swift degeneracy in the various institutions and legislation.

Down the inclined plane to chaos in society we were swiftly drifting, until by a mighty convulsion in 1898, the people reasserted their domination in the Old North State.

It will be acknowledged by all that the most extraordinary efforts were made to restore the land to the control of the white man, whose fathers had made it the birth place of constitutional freedom in America, and they were successful.

But why should North Carolina undergo this extremity of peril every two years? Why should many of her counties, like the long suffering people of Craven, Edgecombe, Pitt and various others where a great mass of negro votes are found, be menaced with the return of such conditions as prevailed in New Bern, Wilmington, Greenville and other towns of our fair State, that were almost uninhabitable by decent and self-respecting white people?

With a patience that is wonderful, in common with other States of the South, we have for a generation struggled on, bearing this weight of the black vote, and have seen it persistently thrown against all our best interests. Blind, unreasoning, moved by leaders who drove the mass like sheep, and rejecting the counsel of the best of their own race, because it did not gratify passion or promise office. This evil blight, this aggression of power without knowledge, yet remains in our midst, and so long as it exists, nothing however valued or sacred in our public policy and established customs, can be said to be permanently safe.

We have tried to leaven this great mass. Forced into our popular vote by practical coercion, by combined fraud and military power, we have given privileges of every kind to the negro, and have even paid twenty times his taxation for education, and yet bestowed it upon him per capita with our own children.

Nothing remains to ensure the permanency of good government, but to restore the keeping of the suffrage to the guardianship of the superior race, by the passage of the amendment proposed by the General Assembly.

Other States, where the negro population was still greater and the urgency manifest, have already taken the step.

The spectacle of the havoc made by blind power, drunken with passion and greed, has even taught the statesman of the North to be slow in granting citizenship and suffrage to the masses in Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands, notwithstanding a degree of civilization among these races that the unaided negro has never shown in the history of mankind.

Led us distinguish between the uneducated, and the ignorant. About one-fifth, in 1890, of the white population was classed, technically, among the illiterate. But such has been the improvement of the schools and so continually increasing the interest in education, that the next census will doubtless show a marked decrease.

But the white man, whether he have book knowledge or not is a fit and proper holder of the right to vote, because he has the inherited qualities of his ancestry, a personality of his own, and a training by his social life among his fellows, in his church, at the courts, in all places of public resort. He is as patriotic and devoted to the interests of his State, as he who has wealth or learning.

With his strong right arm he takes care of his household and is as truly independent and self-reliant, and conscientious, as any man who walks the earth. In his hands the ballot is safe and he casts it for the protection of Anglo-Saxon civilization.

There is no need no split hairs in regard to technicalities in this discussion. The best legal talent in our State, and in the Federal Senate has pronounced the passage of the amendment as entirely compatible with the obligations of North Carolina under the Constitution of the United States. In the face of this assertions to the contrary by stump-speakers are ridiculous. Any serious challenge of its constitutionality is a matter for the courts. It does not concern us, who only have to perform our duty at the polls.

Disappointed managers of the negro vote may make a desperate effort to clutch at the straw of Federal interference, but the conservative action of the Supreme Court of the United States on such questions forbids the belief that the tribunal of last resort will vary from its decisions in favor of restrictions guarding the purity for suffrage in other States.

I might enlarge, not only upon the dangers we shall forever escape, upon the passage of the amendment, but also upon its inspiring and uplifting effect as as a positive force for our future welfare.

There is no doubt that, with relief from the incubus that has been upon us, either directly, or always looming in the political horizon, immigration will increase, manufactures multiply, trade develop as never before under legislation devoted to the promotion of the great economical interests. But the farmer will perhaps feel the benefit most of all. The colored hands that have been led off to the caucus, the cross-road saloon and the conventions, to waste their time in shouting over issues as unintelligible to them as foreign tongues, will be at work in the fields, making happy homes for themselves, building prosperity for all the interests that rest upon agriculture.

Moreover, with increasing means, and the requirement that by 1908 youths reaching twenty-one years of age, must be able to read and write, the whole school system of the State will receive such attention and stimulation as never before.

Steadily increasing valuation of property will enable liberal appropriations for public education to be made, without adding to the taxation, or burdening any taxpayer. Indeed, with the decrease of idleness and dissipation caused by steady habits of industry undisturbed by political frenzy, crime, especially in the colored race, will naturally diminish, and its heavy tribute direct and indirect, upon the honest and well-doing, will grow less as the conditions improve.

These are not dreams, or vain wishes: they are logical results of good government, and must follow the great initial movement. For the sake, then, of the permanent welfare of the State, it behooves every white man, with whom the general good is more than temporary partisan advantage, whatever his political views hitherto, to cast his vote and his whole influence, for the amendment.

Indulge me with one more reflection. As an illustration of the great peril of great masses moved by unreasoning prejudice, see what the negro vote of Kentucky, controlled by adroit schemers, has done to tear up the bulwarks of society, set law at defiance, plunge a great State into the risk of civil war, and it is believed sought to compass a political end by an assassination that recalls the dark ages.

Stand up every white man to duty in this hour! The day will come when its bitterest opponent will have reason to be thankful that the true men of North Carolina by the passage of the amendment, insuring intelligent suffrage, laid the corner-stone of perpetual progress and liberty.

Finally, if asked why the Democratic party of North Carolina has prepared this amendment, and good men in all parties will vote for it upon its merits, I offer these conclusions, every one of which can be proven, to the satisfaction of any candid mind:

1 Because it removes a great peril, by denying any longer the possible control of the superior race by the inferior, wielded as a compact mass, for selfish ends, by those who surrender patriotism for gain or partisan victory.

2. It disfranchises no white man who now votes. Any fear of its being manipulated to that end by hostile courts can be dissipated, if judged needful, at the coming session of the General Assembly.

3. It removes in future political divisions, the bitter element of social antagonism, and contributes to the settlement of disputed economical questions upon their merits.

4. By destroying the possibility of negro domination, it renders property more secure, institutions more stable; encourages enterprises, invites immigration, and fosters manufactures.

5 It brings about homogeneous legislative bodies, without the anomaly of distasteful and impossible relations between legislators and officers of the State.

6 It secures general and uniform county government without danger to taxpayers.

7. It stimulates education and promises a great advance in the systems of the schools.

8 It is a powerful safeguard of the State treasury, and must tend to the greater strengthening of the public credit.

9. It removes temptation from the laboring element of the colored race, and renders industrial operations more steady, reliable, and serviceable; especially would this be true of critical seasons in farming operations

10. It brings peace to the people, especially where the exactions of petty negro officials have harassed and annoyed communities with white minorities; insures tranquility for trade, decreases idleness, intrigue, corruption and drunkenness, and therefore diminishes crime and the losses and evils it involves, and so it advances the public welfare in a high degree.

JOHN S. CUNINGHAM.

February 24, 1900.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Feb'y 26, 1900.

The democrats of the House have a right to claim the amendment of the Porto Rican tariff bill, which the republicans were compelled to make at the eleventh hour in order to get the republican votes needed to pass the bill, as a party triumph. The firm and united attitude of the democrats was what enabled the republican objectors to force the amendment of the bill.

As predicted, the gold standard bill, reported from the conference committee is a little bit worse than was either the House or the Senate bill. It contains every objectionable feature that was in both, and has made most of them more objectionable. As the republicans have the votes, the Conference bill will probably be rushed through this week. It has already been agreed that the Senate shall vote upon it Thursday.

Quay is in sight of success. A test vote has made it sure that he will get the seat when the final vote is taken. A number of democrats will vote to seat him as a matter of principle.

Senator Butler, Chairman of the Populist National Committee, expresses the opinion that the attempt to create friction between the democrats and populists, will fail. Speaking of the nomination of Col. Bryan, Senator Butler said: "Bryan will be the choice of three elements, the democrats, the populists and the silver republicans. The two latter will meet on the same day, if present arrangements are carried out, and will, in all propbability, unite upon the same candidate for Vice-President."

Representative Richardson, the democratic leader in the House, has, by a new resolution, added the steel trust to the sugar trust, the paper trust, the tin trust, and the oil trust, the products of which previous resolutions authorize the Interstate Commerce Commission to prohibit the transportation of on Interstate Transportation lines whenever they have knowledge that the prices asked for the goods produce profit in excess of 4 per per cent. on the actual capital invested in the trust which controls them.

Mr. McKinley has tendered places on the new Phillippine Commission to two gold democrats—Gen. Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, and Mr. Henry C. Ide, of Vermont. Inasmuch as both of these gentlemen are supposed to endorse the financial as well as the foreign policy of the republican administration, it is farcical for Mr. McKinley to expect the democratic party to recognize them as its representatives on the Commission. It is equally farcical to label the new Commission, non-partisan, when everybody knows it to be thoroughly imperialistic.

Although the Wisconsin democrats made a strong and almost a winning fight for Milwaukee, none of them have shown the slightest disgruntlement over the choice of Kansas City for the National Convention, by the Democratic National Committee. Like all other good democrats, they believe in majority rule, and accepted the vote of the Committee as ending the controversy. It is the same with those democrats who advocated holding the convention ahead of that of the republicans. Upon second thought, every democrat recognizes how fitting it is that the party which stands for the true American construction of the Declaration of Independence, and of the Constitution, should hold its National Convention on Independence day.

Indianapolis has been named as the place and Sept. 5, as the time for holding the National Convention of the Association of Democratic Clubs, by the Executive Committee of the Association. At the same meeting the resignation of Hon. Chauncey F. Black, of Pa., as President of the Association, and of Representative Sibley, of Pa., as a member of the executive committee, were accepted. The new President will not be announced until April 13th, Jefferson Day, when the Association will give a big banquet in Washington. Gov. Benton McMillin, of Tenn., Chairman of the Executive Committee, will act as President until then.

The clique of real estate speculators, who are after a big wad of Uncle Sam's money, in exchange for the south side of Pennsylvania Avenue, which, notwithstanding its being a quagmire in which no solid foundation for a large building can be had without driving piles through thirty or forty feet of mud, they have been talking up as just the place to locate future public buildings, received an unexpected check when the Washington Centennial Committee came out strong for the projected Federal Avenue, from the Capitol to the proposed Memorial bridge to Arlington, over the Mall, upon which all future Federal buildings shall be located. The Mall is owned by the government and there would be no pickings in the erection of buildings by the government upon its own ground.

Senator West thus sized up the republican policy, in a short speech: "The proposition that the U. S. can hold territory as a colonial possession and its people as vassels, is the most preposterous and dangerous that has ever been advanced in the course of my public life."

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Cruel, barbarous Spain placed a duty of ten per cent. on Porto Rican goods and granted the island representation on a population basis in the Spanish Cortes. The enlightened, merciful United States places duties of 25 per cent. of the Dingley rates---say 50 per cent. ad valorem---on Porto Rican goods, and declares that the island shall have no representation.

If Porto Rico isn't part of this country, of what country is it a part? Please answer promptly.

The Republicans should be very careful not to let the Filipinos know what Congress is attempting to do in regard to Porto Rico. The knowledge would not be likely to encourage them to come in and trust to the honor and generosity of the United States. That is what Porto Rico did.

Andrew Carnegie seems to think that nothing is better for a young man than poverty---and the blessing of a protective tariff.

The Republicans are beginning to learn some of the drawbacks of the expansion to which McKinley committed us with so light a heart. If the Supreme court decides that the Philippines have become a part of the United States, the G. O. P. will have a hard time explaining matters to the voters. And to think that we could have had all the benefits of expansion out there and the friendship of the Filipinos besides if we had only chosen to treat them fairly.

The administration has hauled down the flag on two Pacific islands on the ground that they belong to Spain and that the flag was wrongfully raised over them. Why can it not do the same in the Philippines?

"Try it on a Porto Rican," is the motto of the Republicans.

Just think of it! The Carnegie plant, which is said to earn over $24,000,000 a year, was one of the "infant industries" which required protection in the last tariff schedule.

If the Supreme Court decides in due time that the United States has no right to hold territory without giving it full rights with the rest of the country, what will the Republicans do with the Philippines? Porto Rico can be assimilated, perhaps, but how about the millions of Malays, on whom will be conferred all the privileges and rights of American citizens, including that to work for 25 cents a day and strike down American wages?

Why not establish a department of Exterior—one to have charge of Alaska, Arizona, Porto Rico, the District of Columbia and other territory "outside the Constitution"?

Democratic Prospects.

Atlanta Constitution.

We agree with The New Jornal that the Democratic party never began the arrangement of the preliminaries of a national campaign under brighter auspices than those which exist at this time,

The portentous danger of Hannaism has loomed up so large and dark that every honest man in the land can see it and read its meaning. In all parts of the country the most intelligent and patriotic citizens are deeply disgusted by the course of political events. The trusts no longer take the trouble to conceal their manipulations. Their organs no longer disavow their designs.

A war begun for humanity has been brought to a close in an effort to degrade and revolutionize our form of government. Men who are in favor of the expansion of American ideas and American liberty have suddenly become aware that the party in control has seized territory for the purpose of confiscating the natural rights of the inhabitants.

The canal treaty has demonstrated the subserviency of the republican leaders to foreign interests. Nothing is left now but for Hannaism to declare that congress has a power and authority not limited by the constitution, and the republicans are preparing to make that declaration.

It seems to us that there is nothing to prevent the defeat of this political conspiracy at the polls.

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Says a Lincoln (Nebraska) telegram:

As soon as information was received that the National Democratic Convention would be held in Missouri at a point close to Nebraska, William J. Bryan's friends and the State Democratic Committee began to make plans to have thousands of Democrats go to Kansas City on the date of the convention and give Bryan an ovation similar to that given to Gen. Grant on his first nomination. It is estimated that 10,000 Nebraskan red hot Democrats will be present to screech and howl for Bryan. They propose to wear uniforms consisting of long ulsters and white stove pipe hats, with red ribbons around them, and each carrying a walking stick made of Nebraska corn stalks. The counties propose to form clubs of not less than one hundred each. The State committee today telegraphed to Kansas City for quarters for 10,000 Nebraska Democrats. They are preparing for a demonstration that will rival anything of the kind ever attempted at a National Convention.

To Fight the Tobacco Trust.

Raleigh News and Observer.

The fight against the tobacco trust is on in earnest. It began with the farmers who have been robbed by a reduction of something like 100 [50] per cent. in the price of their tobacco. It is to be taken up by the organization of the Durham Anti Trust Tobacco company which will ask the legislature of North Carolina for a charter to manufacture tobacco. It is to be waged in a fight to repeal the law incorporating Blackwell's Durham Tobacco Company, and put it into the hands of trustees. Strong efforts are being made to compel the tobacco trust to pay the farmers a fair price for tobacco, quit violating the laws of North Carolina, and stop the monopoly it has built. The farmers are in dead earnest and will stop at nothing legal or honorable to destroy or cripple the trust that has reduced them from conditions of comfort to vassals, working for the trust.

The Respectable Populists Will Support Bryan.

Atlanta Constitution.

It seems that the populists are again divided. Well, those who are in favor of the most feasible and important doctrines of their party will continue to act with the democrats.

Red Hot From the Gun

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman of Newark, Mich., in the Civil War. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures cuts, bruises, burns, boils, felons, corns, skin eruptions. Best pile cure on earth. 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by B. E. Sedberry & Son, druggists.

Bladen County News.

DUBLIN, N. C., Feb. 27, 1900.

A pretty wedding took place at the Clarkton Presbyterian church on the 14th inst., at 8:30 p. m., the contracting parties being Miss Sallie L. Smith, of Abbottsburg, and Robert Edward Lee, Esq., of Lumberton. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. "Mendelsohn's Wedding March," was beautifully rendered by Miss Annie McLean as the bridal party marched up the aisles. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. A. McFadyen. The attendants were Mr. John Smith, brother of the bride, best man, Hon. George H. Currie and Mr. Neill Singletary, Misses Mary Singletary, Minnie Shipman, Belle Clark, Caddie McEwen and Blanche Smith. The bride is a daughter of Isaac H. Smith, Esq., of Abbottsburg, and is one of Bladen's most charming and accomplished young ladies. The groom is a prominent young attorney of Lumberton, the resident member of the law firm of Seawell, Burns and Lee, of which ex-Solicitor H. F. Seawell, of Carthage, is the senior member. Soon after the marriage the happy young couple left for Abbottsburg, whence they went Thursday afternoon to their home in Lumberton, and from there to the home of the groom's parents at Union City. Both have the heartiest and best wishes of all for a long and happy future.

Chairman Lyon has issued the following:

The white voters of Bladen county, are hereby notified to meet in their respective townships on Saturday, March 24th, 1900, and appoint delegates to the County Convention which is hereby called to meet in Elizabeth town on the 28th day of March, 1900, for the purpose of appointing delegates to the State Convention. The township conventions will also elect five active democrats to constitute the township committee for the ensuing two years. The chairmen of the different township committees will constitute the county executive committee, which will meet in Elizabetown March 28th, 1900, immediately after the adjournment of the county convention, for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary, and transacting other business. By order of the committee.

C. C. LYON, Chm'n.
F. M. WILLIS, Sec'y.

A Standing Pretext for a Big Army.

A Manila telegram which has escaped the censor by being mailed to Horg Kong, says:

Officers in the field now unite in saying that the pacification of the Philippines is impossible between the present time and the beginning of the rainy season. They set the time for this result from two to six years. No one who has been at the front and studied the situation with honest eyes believes that the insurgents can be subdued under two years. A majority of judges are more inclined to six years.

The reports of casualties and prisoners taken by the enemy in attacks on patrols and provision trains are suppressed as far as possible by General Otis' special orders.

Aguinaldo's wife is kept under close guard as a prisoner in Manila. Her movements are constantly watched. If her husband makes any attempt to communicate with her through spies it is expected that they will be intercepted and useful information wrung from them.

Mrs. Aguinaldo, a highly educated young woman, is in sympathy with her husband and his cause. While she is kept a close prisoner, insurgent officers captured and sent to the capital are liberated.

Chappelle and Otis are at odds. Chappelle has ordered the Spanish friars to remain here. He is definitely committed to the return of their parishes. Otis is opposed to the plan. So the matter stands at a deadlock, waiting a decision from Washington.

General Otis refused to allow the local papers to announce the coming of Civil Commissioner Denby. The state of Otis' health is such that his doctors think he must soon break down.

Cunningham's Wonderful Gain.

Burlington News.

We are glad that from all over the country come reports that Col. John S. Cunningham is gaining in popularity as the nominee for Governor. Col. Cunningham is a strong man. We heard one of our oldest citizens speaking of him the other day. He said John S. Cunningham was the best friend of the farmer in the State and that if elected Governor, would ever be found the friend of the farmer and the laboring man. Col. Cunning truly is a man, whom to know is to love.

HEADACHE
is only a symptom—not a disease. So are Backache, Nervousness, Dizziness and the Blues. They all come from an unhealthy state of the menstrual organs. If you suffer from any of these symptoms—if you feel tired and languid in the morning and wish you could lie in bed another hour or two—if there is a bad taste in the mouth, and no appetite—if there is pain in the side, back or abdomen—BRADFIELD'S FEMALE REGULATOR will bring about a sure cure. The doctor may call your trouble some high-sounding Latin name, but never mind the name. The trouble is in the menstrual organs, and Bradfield's Female Regulator will restore you to health and regulate the menses like clockwork.
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Not a Mortal Blow Says Montagu White.

Mr. Montagu White, the Boer representative said on Monday:

"It seems to me Cronje has offered himself and his men as a sacrifice to hold Lord Roberts' great army in check till a second line of defenses is completed.

"If Cronje and his men are captured it will not end the war. It will be a tremendous blow, but not a mortal one.

"The war will not end until Pretoria falls, and when the British reach the Transvaal capital many thousands of lives will have been lost. The Boers believe that Pretoria is impregnable, and there is good reason for the confidence. As to intervention, the outlook is not pleasing. I see no hope in Europe, unless Russia should take action, and that does not appear likely. I believe Emperor William would like to stop the war, but he does not exactly know how to go about it.

"The only hope is in the United States. No other power can mediate, and the administration appears to be lukewarm. All these meetings throughout the country, the direct evidence that the sentiment of the people of the United States favor mediation, counts for nothing with the administration. Those placed in power are safe for four years.

THE ENGLISH SINGLE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER.

"In England such an outburst would overturn the ministry in a single week. It would force the government to do its will. When I was in Washington it was made plain to me that the administration feels secure. It is bound to remain in office for a certain length of time. It does not feel the weight of public opinion until the time for the elections approaches. When I saw Secretary Hay I told him frankly that I hoped there would come a time when public opinion in the United States would be so strong that he would be compelled to stop the war. And the United States could do it. It is the only power that could do it. Should the government take a decided stand, the war would end within a fortnight. England needs the United States. She cannot get along without this country."

From the Reports of the dealers in this city, we think no proprietary medicine has a larger sale than PAIN-KILLER. Its valuable properties as a speedy cure for pain cannot fail to be generally appreciated, in case of accident, or sudden attack of dysentery, diarrhœa, cholera morbus.—Montreal Star. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. Price 25c. and 50c.

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"Where the gold Democrats are numerically weak they will profess to accept the platform, but will oppose every plan that is calculated to bring success to the platform."—William J. Bryan to National Committeeman C. S. Thomas, of Colorado.

LIBERTY'S DUMB VOICE.

Of all the hypocritical performances within our knowledge the expression of sympathy for the Boers by those who uphold the American government in its oppressions, robberies and murders in the Philippines and its infamous treatment of the gentle and trusting Porto Ricans, is the most brazen. If our hands were not at this very moment dripping with the blood of innocent men, women and children who deserve freedom as much as the Boers, we would be acting within our privilege to cry aloud against the crushing by the British of the two little republics in South Africa. Nay, it would be our duty to do so. As it is, every American's mouth must be sealed, for when the American voice is directed beyond our national borders it must speak as the voice of America, with all the power of its virtues but also with all the burden of its vices. As it cannot advertise its hypocrisy, it must, so long as it suffers the present administration to exist, remain dumb.

SENATORIAL PRIMARIES.

At the last meeting of the Democratic State executive committee a resolution was passed referring the matter of a primary for ascertaining the choice of Democrats for United States Senator to the State convention. Chairman Simmons has sent a letter to County chairmen asking them to call the matter to the attention of their several county conventions.

We are glad that the subject is thus brought to the attention of the constituencies in advance of the assembling of the State convention. There is, of course, but one thing to do, and that is to instruct all delegates to vote for a primary, open to all who vote the Democratic ticket, and held on election day in November.

That eliminates the senatorial issue from the amendment campaign and gives each of the senatorial aspirants an equal chance. They have all, we believe, declared themselves in favor of settling their contest in this way.

AYCOCK FOR GOVERNOR.

Hope Mills, N. C., March 1.

Mr. Editor:—The Democratic party needs to nominate a man for Governor who is known from Cherokee to Currituck for his magnificent abilities purity of character and fearlessness in debate and yet does not say harsh things. There is one man in North Carolina who possesses these qualifications in the the superlative degree. I refer to Charles B. Aycock, the man who, in my opinion, comes nearer filling Vance's place as a stump speaker than any man in the State. His memorable debates with Thompson, Butler and others of the enemy in past years is still fresh in the memory of our people. We are for him.

He is the people's champion, and no one need fear the enemy if he is our leader. Others who may seek the nomination are no doubt worthy, but their services to the party are small when compared with Aycock's.

Aycock is a speaker of wonderful power and eloquence, and captures the hearts of his hearers. We are for Charles B. Aycock and our people seem to be unanimous for him.

Yours respectfuly,
J. E. CAVINESS.

Deserved Praise for Commissioner Young.

The newest of all the State departments or bureaux, says the Raleigh correspondent of the Wilmington Messenger, is the insurance department and it has certainly done well. Commissioner Young has been conservative and careful. Considered from the point of view of an investment, the State did well in establishing this department, as it seems it will yield some $12,000 more revenue than ever before.

WHITE MAN'S CONVENTION.

Democratic County Convention.

The County Convention for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention, and possibly to the district conventions, will be held at Fayetteville on Saturday, March 10th, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon.

The State convention will nominate the white man's candidates for Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor and other State officers and it is important that every white man shall have a *voice* in the *selection* of them, and to that end *every white man* in Cumberland County, who iatends to support the ticket nominated by said convention is cordially invited and expected to be present at his precinct meeting, and elect as many delegates as may wish to come to the county convention.

This is a call to every white man in Cumberland county to come out and join his neighbors in putting in motion the forces which will achieve an *everlasting* triumph for *white supremacy*.

By order of the Democratic Executive Committee.

H. L. COOK,
Chairman.

Jan'y 27, 1900.

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RALEIGH LETTER.

STATE PRIMARY TO SELECT UNITED STATES SENATOR.

A Committeeman's Good Advice

If Democrats of State Demand a State Primary It Should Be Held By All Means—Attempts to Defeat It Would Hurt Amendment—State Convention to Decide Matter and Therefore County Conventions Should Ascertain How Men Stand Before Selecting Delegates—Numerous News Notes of General Interest.

From Our Special Correspondent.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 6, 1900.

Only little more than one month remains before the Democratic State convention will assemble in this city.

During the next few weeks the precinct primaries and county conventions in all the counties will be held.

Considerable of the space of these letters has, up to this time, been naturally taken up in portrayal of the political conditions, and incidentally the views of a number of representative Democrats (most of them the most prominent men in the party and sincere workers for its best interest and success) anent the outlook, the availability and prospects of the more prominent candidates, have been incorporated.

This has been done faithfully, and the friends of each of the candidates have been freely quoted.

It was done, first, for the information of the people—the great mass of Democrats in the country and the small towns, who not being active politicians, rely principally upon their home papers for correct information; and, second, in justice to the splendid men (all of them) who aspire to nominations for places on the State ticket.

This duty having been discharged—to the advantage of the party and in the interest of the Amendment and white supremacy, it is to be hoped, and as intended—there will now be less political discussion to indulge in through these letters, beyond keeping up with the progress of events and the developments of the campaign.

PEOPLE IN HEARTY SYMPATHY WITH PRIMARIES.

There is one feature of the campaign, however, which I have been requested by members of the Democratic State Committee and other prominent party leaders, who have the best interests of the party at heart, to call special attention to at this particular juncture:

This matter relates to the free expression of opinion and preferences of the rank and file of Democratic voters, and the selection of delegates by them to the county and State conventions who will faithfully and unerringly *represent* their views and wishes, in proportion to the strength of every proposition or question of party policy.

This can only be done through the primaries and county conventions and a fair representative State convention can be secured in no other way. I cannot present this matter more forcibly than by using the language of one of the members of the State committee, as addressed to me this week.

Said he:

WILL OF THE PEPOLE MUST BE RESPECTED.

"There has never been a time in the history of the party when it was more important to ascertain the wishes of the great mass of voters and adopt and pursue the policy and nominate the candidates whom the majority favor.

"Not only should the counties send delegates to the State convention to vote for candidates for Governor and other State officers *in proportion* to the strength of each candidate in each county; but there is another and just as important matter (if we are to have harmony and good will and good work in this campaign after the State ticket is nominated) which demands attention.

"I have seen nothing on the subject from county chairmen, and have noted no reference to it in the reports I have read of the few county conventions held so far—and I say plainly that many Democratic voters are interested in it as much or more than in the selection of candidates for Governor and other State offices. It would be a serious omission if not a fatal blow to let this matter go by default, and it is time, high time, that attention was directed to it.

AS TO STATE PRIMARY FOR U. S. SENATE.

"I refer to the question of whether a State primary of the Democrats of North Carolina shall be held to express their preferences as to who the Legislature shall elect next winter to succeed Butler in the U. S. Senate.

"This is a matter which the candidates for Senator have not agitated much, because of the suggestion that the Amendment should be first disposed of—so far as preferences for Senator are concerned.

"But it should also be understood that the matter is to come before the State convention on April 11th, and will possibly be disposed of at that time.

"It is known (or it ought to be known and well understood by the voters) that the State committee at its last session in Raleigh evidently favored the primary (at least a majority of the committeemen did, and doubtless because they understood it to be the will of their constituents), and the question was referred to the State convention with instructions that in calling the State convention it should be explicitly stated in the call that this matter would come up—for the plain reason that the people of all the counties should be notified of the fact, and *remember it in selecting delegates to the State convention*.

"If a county convention, or a majority of the delegates to a county convention, desire that a State Primary on the selection of a U. S. Senator shall be held—in order that the entire Democratic party and every voter in it shall have a vote in this important matter—then that convention should, in naming delegates to the State convention, select only such men as are known to favor that plan.

"If the county is divided on this subject, then let a fair and just proportion of Senatorial Primary men and anti Senatorial Primary men be elected delegates to the State convention according to the strength of the two sides, as manifested in the township primaries and the county conventions.

"We cannot be too careful to see that the will of the people (the white Democrats of the several counties and the State as a whole) is respected in this matter.

"It would certainly not contribute to the success of the party—to the State ticket or the Amendment—for the State convention to refuse to order a State Primary for U. S. Senator, if the majority of the Democratic voters of the State desire such a primary or vice versa.

QUESTION SHOULD BE SETTLED RIGHT.

"It is equally plain that (laying aside the individuality of all the aspirants for the Senatorship) the good of the party and the chances of the success of the Amendment will *not* be advanced by the smothering, and keeping in the background this State Primary plan until it is too late to carry out the will of the voters of the party—the only result of which would be to give opportunity to a few politicians to defeat the plan in the State convention, or so hamper it that it would not furnish a free and full expression of the wishes of the Democrats of the State.

"I say that, if there are any such "wire-pullers" (and there may or may not be), we are not doing the party a service by keeping *this feature* of the Senatorial question in the background longer. The individuality of neither of the candidates is involved in calling a State Primary. It only assures us that the most popular and satisfactory candidate will be selected be he Mr. Simmons, Gen. Carr, Col. Waddell, Gov. Jarvis, or whoever he may be.

"The only feature of the Senatorial matter which any of us have ever believed should be deferred was the endorsement of either individual candidate by the conventions. And I see that in one or two counties the conventions have even done that.

"The Primary plan of electing Senator has proved so universally satisfactory in South Carolina and the many other States where it has been tried, that certainly a great many Democrats in North Carolina favor it, and it is our bounden duty to ascertain if a majority do, and if so then it should be ordered.

"Not to do so under such conditions would be disastrous to the party, and would endanger the success of not only the State ticket but the Amendment as well. I greatly fear it would, and therefore I hope the editors of all the county papers will *at once* take up this matter and fully acquaint their readers on the subject. By doing so they will perform a valuable party service."

I do not know how it is in your county, but in Raleigh and Wake county and at other points where I am informed, it is very plain that nearly all the "laymen" in the party—that is, the rank and file of Democrats—not only favor the proposed Senatorial Primary but demand it as their right, and in very determined language. There are a few politicians who oppose it, but they are numerically in a small minority.

It has been understood here very generally for some time that this primary would be held, and the circulation of a report that it might be defeated in the State convention had caused indignation and ominous mutterings among the masses.

It is to be hoped that the will of the majority will be carried out in this matter, whatever it may be.

NEWS NOTES.

Mrs. General Pickett is sending to the public schools of N. C. each a copy of that valuable and popular book "Pickett and his Men," which truthfully portrays the heroism of N. C. soldiers in the Confederate service under her distinguished and lamented husband. These books are furnished to the schools free, on the order of Gen. Julian S. Carr who pays for them all. Gen. Carr (who has done so much good work for his State of this character) is determined that the school children of our State shall be informed of the heroism of their fathers and educated to revere their memory.

Prominent Populists continue to come out in favor of the Amendment, in opposition to Butler's advice. It is predicted that there will be a lively fight over this matter in the Populist State convention here next month.

Another of the negro congressman White's postmasters (all negroes) has come to grief, making five that have been arrested, that I now recall, for embezzling U. S funds. This time it is C. W. Battle, the negro postmaster at Battleboro, charged with stealing $400 of postoffice money. At this writing he is in jail at Halifax.

Some of the friends of Hon. Alfred M. Waddell of Wilmington have been talking him up for governor here this week, saying they had rather see him governor than Senator. Unless there should be a change in the conditions, however, Colonel Waddell will continue to be a candidate for Senator, it is believed. Colonel Waddell is an earnest advocate of a State Primary for Senator, saying that he knows the great majority of Democrats of the State demand it.

LLEWXAM.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

As our readers know we have refrained form editorially endorsing any of the candidates for State offices, except our neighbor, Hon. D. H. McLean, the only candidate from this District. We think, however, that we may with propriety refer with approval to Mr. Turner, of Iredell, the only candidate for Lieutenant Governor from the West, the section to which that nomination will almost certainly be accorded.

We reproduce below what his county paper, the Statesville Mascot, has to say of Mr. Turner. We may add to our hearty and complete endorsement of what the Mascot says that the OBSERVER has the very highest regard for the Mascot itself, which is one of the ablest and truest of our North Carolina papers. It is no small testimony to the character of Mr. Turner's mental and moral make-up that he was the trusted friend and partner of the late distinguished Judge Armfield. Every one who knows Mr. Turner (the writer included) knows him only to admire and respect him.

Says the Mascot:

It is gratifying to the people of Iredell to know that the candidacy of Hon. Wilfred D. Turner for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor has met with such hearty approval in all sections of the State. The indications are that he will receive the nomination.

To those who know Mr. Turner, nothing need be said of his eminent qualifications for this office and his great strength and availability as a candidate. He is a strong man mentally, morally and physically; blest with a robust common sense, he intuitively knows the right; honest and open as the day, he has lived without fear and without reproach, his public and his private life without stain or blemish and he possesses the absolute confidence of all who know him. He is an accomplished lawyer, a legislator of experience, a bold, aggressive campaigner and absolutely true to the teachings of Democracy, without "variableness or shadow of turning." His name upon the ticket would be a tower of strength in this section of the State.

These are not the exaggerated ideas of a partial friend, but it is a calm and truthful statement of facts. The State convention by nominating Turner will make no mistake.

A SKETCH OF THE CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

The subject of this sketch was born in Iredell county forty-three years ago. His early life was spent upon his father's farm. In 1876 he graduated at Trinity College, N. C., and soon thereafter commenced the study of law with the late Judge Armfield. Upon being licensed by the Supreme Court he began the practice of law in Statesville and has continuously practiced here ever since. Mr. Turner has been devoted to his profession and has a well earned reputation as a learned and accurate lawyer. In 1886 he was the nominee of the Democratic party for the State Senate in the district composed of Iredell, Alexander and Wilkes. His nomination was to lead a forlorn hope. He made so active and vigorous a campaign that he carried the district by a largely increased majority. In 1888 and 1890, he was re-nominated and re-elected by increasing majorities and served the people of his district and State with zeal and judgment. As a Senator he won a State wide reputation as a legislator, being regarded as one of the wisest, safest and most reliable members of that body. Iredell county has endorsed Mr. Turner several times for Congress, but he has never held public officer except as a State Senator.

While not a politician, he has always been active in politics. In every campaign for the past twenty years he has done yeoman's service for Democracy—always in the thickest of the fight and always logical, sensible and influential for the good of the party. He is a speaker of decided gifts and is a bold, aggressive and sensible leader.

Personally Mr. Turner is a man in the vigor of his manhood. He is a member of the Methodist Church, the Knights of Pythias, and is regarded as a full rounded man, a worker in all walks of life. He is a man of popular manners, popular with the people and has proved himself equal to every emergency and occasion. He is one of the strongest and best men of the State and his nomination would add strength to the ticket.

The Man for State Treasurer.

Correspondence of the Observer.

MR. EDITOR:

Below we give a sketch of Benjamin R. Lacy, the present State Commissioner of Labor and Printing, who is a prominent candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer. We believe that Mr. Lacy should be nominated for the following reasons:

First—He is a loyal and consistent Democrat who has always been faithful. There is no firmer believer in the principles of the party—State and National—and he has given his time for their advancement.

Second—He is a speaker of rare power of pursuasion and will make a vigorous canvass of the State. In 1896 and 1898, his speeches were as able as any delivered in the State, and votes were made for the party wherever he spoke.

Third—He is eminently qualified for the discharge of the duties of the position. For years he has been the financial manager of the Raleigh Dime Savings Bank, and the wonderful success which that institution has enjoyed proves him to be a financier of rare ability. As State Labor Commissioner he has shown that he has executive ability of a high order, and the faithful way in which he has performed every duty of the position proves him to be worthy of the confidence of the people.

Fourth—He is a representative of the laboring element of the State. For years he ran an engine, and since he left the road has kept up his friendly and fraternal relations with his fellows. As the Commissioner of Labor he has sought to better the condition of the factory operatives and other workingmen of North Carolina, and there is no man living in North Carolina today who possesses the esteem and confidence of that great element of our population as does Ben Lacy. In this year, when the Republicans will seek to prejudice the working people against the constitutional amendment, no other man in the State can talk to the factory people with such effect as Lacy, their friend. Let us nominate him and send him into every factory community to correct Republican misrepresentations and preach the pure doctrines of Democracy. The lawyers, farmers, editors and other classes will be represented on the State ticket. Why not put a representative of labor on it too? Good party policy demands his nomination.

DEMOCRAT.

Hon. Benjamin R. Lacy, of Raleigh, who is a prominent candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer, is the youngest son of the late Rev. Drury Lacy, D. D., and was born in Raleigh June 19th, 1854, while his father was pastor of the Presbyterian church at that place. In 1855 or '56 Dr. Lacy was elected president of Davidson College, and most of Mr. Lacy's childhood was spent there. In 1859 Dr. Lacy resigned the presidency of the college and moved back to Raleigh where Mr. Lacy has since lived.

Soon after the war, when a mere boy, he was placed as an apprentice in what was then the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad shops. He served his time and became a first-class locomotive engineer. For 17 years he ran an engine on what is now the great Seaboard Air Line system without an accident. He enjoyed, during all his time of service, to an unusual degree, the confidence and esteem of his employers.

In the first year of Gov. Carr's administration he was appointed Commissioner of Labor Statistics, and the highly efficient manner in which the duties of that office were performed is well known throughout the State. In the fusion upheaval of 1896 he was thrown out of office, but was almost unanimously re-elected by the last Legislature.

When the Raleigh Dime Savings Bank was opened, Mr. Lacy was made cashier, and the success of that institution fully attests his ability to manage the finances of the State, should he be elected to the office of Treasurer.

It is safe to say that no one in the State is in closer touch with the mechanics and laboring classes of our State. From early boyhood he has been "one of them," and his influence with them is very great.

Mr. Lacy on his father's side is a first cousin of the late Rev. Moses D. Hoge, D. D., the eminent and distinguished orator and divine. On his mother's side he is a grandson of Rev B. H. Rice, D. D., after whom he is named. He comes thus by full right of inheritance to his ability to write and speak. This was amply shown by his vigorous and effective canvass of the State in 1896, his speeches during that campaign producing marked effect. During his whole life he has been an ardent and consistent Democrat, and his nomination will add great strength to our ticket.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and, therefore, requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address,
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THE PRIMARIES IN THE COUNTY.

BLUE'S SAND HILL.

Chairman W. C. Fields reports as follows:

I am glad to report that the primary held at "Blue's Sand Hill," was a grand success. The following were appointed delegates to the County Convention: W C Fields, W B Draughon, H E Smith, O Evans, Jonathan Evans, D H Maxwell, D A McMillan, L J Haywood, M J Jones, Henry Clark, Alex Johnson, James D Geddie.

The old board of Democratic Executive Committee were re elected. They are: W C Fields, W B Draughon, H E Smith, H C Carter, Ed Sessoms.

EUREKA.

Chairman C. D. Gilmore reports as follows:

The meeting was called to order by A. McBuie, chairman, and the following delegates were elected to the County Convention:

Col W J Green, John P McLean, A McBuie, D McD Buie W J Darden, W T Harward, I J Carter, C D Gilmore, Geo A McKay, Walter Tillinghast, Archey McCormick, N A Bolton, W R King, E T McKay, J S McKay, R E Graham.

On motion, Col. J. S. Cunningham was unanimously recommended for Governor and Hon. D. H. McLean for Secretary of State.

Major E. J. Hale, Editor of Fayetteville OBSERVER, was requested to publish the proceedings of the meeting.

RAY'S PRECINCT—71st.

The following delegates were elected to the County Convention:

J Marshall Williams, W J McCraney, L W Gibson, W S David, J H Sykes, W H Owen, J A McArthur, J H Currie, D B Gillis, John Black, D G Blue, J M Owen, J W McLauchlin, D B Currie, J W Scull, Lewis Parker, W A Pool, J B Huske, W S Townsend, W H McPherson.

FLEA HILL.

Secretary S. B. Talbot reports as follows:

The citizens of Flea Hill township met last evening and were called to order by H. B. Bolton, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, and organized by electing Mr. S. B. Talbot Secretary. The following were elected as delegates to the County Convention to be held in Fayetteville, March 10th:

Messrs. Albert Downing, C M Autry, William Beard, W J Sessoms, Henton Faircloth, W G Holmes, Noel Gainey, Stephen Autry, G F Talbot, John Williams.

NEWTON'S.

Secretary J. A. McPherson reports as follows:

Resolutions were passed endorsing C. B. Aycock for Governor and D. H. McLean for Secretary of State. The following were elected delegates to the County Convention:

J A McPherson, G W Cain, J E Cole, R L Williams, K R Raynor, Jacob Blanton, Stephen Revens, N H Smith, — — Jernigan, H H Deal, Dan Bolton, S E Hart, J J Carter, H N Mainor, Robert Overton, D G McFadyen, D McN Ray, J C McGougan, D McL Holt, N P Thomas, E J Mainor, Chester Lovett, D J Ray, A E Ray, T A Clark, Jesse Newton, N D M Clark, D K Campbell, Hector McIntyre, Allan Ray, J M McPherson, J F Clark, W S G. Hinesty, Neill Black, O A Waddell, J. W. Stone, A K McDiarmid, D. B. McFadyen.

An organization of an Amendment Club was effected and Mr. N. D. M. Clark was chosen President; A. K. McDiarmid, Vice-President; J. A. McPherson, Secretary.

BLACK RIVER.

Pursuant to the call of the chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee the primary of Black River Township was held at Rhodes' Mill March 1st, 1900. An unusually large number of Democrats were present and great enthusiasm was manifested in the approaching election. The meeting was called to order by Walter J. Smith, chairman, and W. G. Hall was elected secretary.

On motion, all Democrats of the Township were appointed as delegates to the County Convention March 10th. The meeting then adjourned.

The Hon. Dan. Hugh McLean who was present by invitation being called on made a short but brilliant speech advocating the adoption of the proposed Amendment, after which he proceeded to organize a White Supremacy Club of 22 members. W. J. Smith was chosen President and W. G. Hall, Secretary. Messrs. W. J. Olive, I. Strickland and F. W. Page were appointed Executive Committee.

The following motion was unanimously adopted:

The thanks of this Club are heartily tendered to Hon. D. H. McLean for his presence and assistance, and we endorse his nomination as Secretary of State by the County Convention.

W. J. SMITH, Ch'n.
W. G. HALL, Sec'y.

FLEA HILL, NO. 1 (WADE).

Secretary House reports as follows:

We held our precinct meeting today at 11 o'clock a. m., Josiah Cook, chairman, presiding. The following delegates and alternates were elected to the County Convention which meets March 10th:

Delegates—Thomas Lovick, Josiah Cook, E J House, N H Williams and G J McMillan.

Alternates—W C Lovick, J M Devane, D A McAllister, H Wynes and M Parish.

CARVER'S CREEK (CARLOS).

Chairman W. B. Ray and Secretary D. B. Ray report as follows:

At a meeting held at Kingsbury March 1st, the following named gentlemen were appointed delegates to attend the County Convention to be held in Fayetteville on the 10th inst., viz: H D Cameron, J E Lucas, Angus Ray, Joseph Ray, D C Culbreth, H A Cameron, Hawley Lucas, Doc Reeves, Alex McArtan, D J Lucas, A M Ray, J R Buie, Alex McNeill, J S Buie, Jo E McLeod, W B Ray, D B Ray.

The Kansas City Convention Will Name the Next President.

New York Journal.

The Democratic National Committee met yesterday to lay out the campaign of 1900 in circumstances whose cheerfulness recalls the time, eight years ago, when the preparations were made for the triumphant election of Cleveland. Not since the first month of the ill-starred Administration that followed have Democratic prospects been so bright.

It used to be said that the Republican party would always be saved by Democratic blunders. This year the Republicans have piled blunder on blunder, and all the Democrats have to do is to take advantage of them. The Republicans in Congress have made the Democracy a present of the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and the American Flag. Never, even in the days of the Alien and Sedition laws, has a party ever been stricken with such madness as that which now afflicts the organization once led by Lincoln, Seward and Chase.

The splendid humanitarian outburst that carried the American arms to Cuba in a war of liberation has been degraded into a spirit of base commercialism. And, pulled in opposite directions by shame and greed, the Republican parry stands in helpless vacillation, uncertain whether to appear as a philanthropist or a highwayman. It has involved itself in such a hopeless tangle that whatever the action of Congress may be the result cannot be anything but Republican humiliation. Either the Republican President or the Republican organization in Congress must be beaten—both cannot win.

The surrender to England in the Nicaragua Canal matter, the invitation to the powers of Europe to come over and tie our hands, and the abandonment of rights for which the Government of the United States has contended for twenty years, have profoundly angered the American people.

The subserviency of the Administration to the trusts which are absorbing the national wealth by hundreds of millions of dollars a year, the readiness of the Republican Congress to vote subsidies to corporate beggars already swollen with riches to the bursting point, the determination to put the national finances in the hands of a moneyed clique and to perpetuate the public debt in the interest of the banks, have all helped to store up wrath.

The day of the Democracy is at hand. The Kansas City Convention will name the next President of the United States.

The Surging Bryan Tide.

Says a Philadelphia telegram:

An Eastern conference of anti-imperialists began here today and will remain in session two days. The leaders claim that a "show of hands" a few months in advance of the Republican National Convention will have some weight with the delegates. The conference looks to be a more thorough organization and more vigorous discussion of the doctrine.

At an informal meeting of the conference this afternoon the chief subject of the discussion was the coming presidential campaign in which William J. Bryan's name was frequently mentioned. Erving Winslow, secretary of the New England anti Imperialist League, in speaking of the subject, suggested that the league might, if advisable, select Bryan as the standard-bearer. He also suggested that a national convention be held after the two great parties had held their conventions so that anti imperialists could choose which to support. No conclusions were reached. Numerous speeches were made and letters read, including one from Edward Atkinson, urging vigorous work in the Congressional campaign. Mr. Carl Schurz spoke this evening.

Big Haul by Burglars.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Pawtucket, March 6.—Burglars dynamited the safe of the Hand Brewing Company last night and secured from three to four thousand dollars.

THE constantly recurring monthly suffering gives women the blues!

How hopeless the future appears, month after month the same siege with menstrual pain!

Comparatively few women understand that excessive pain indicates ill-health, or some serious derangement of the feminine organs.

DESPONDENT WOMEN

A million women have been helped by Mrs. Pinkham. Read what two of them say.

MRS. LIZZIE COLEMAN, of Wayland, N. Y., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—For years I suffered with painful menstruation and falling of womb. The bearing-down pains in my back and hips were dreadful. I could not stand for more than five minutes at a time when menstruation began. But thanks to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, my sufferings are now a thing of the past. I shall gladly recommend your medicines to all my friends."

MISS C. D. MORRIS, 3 Louisburg Square, Boston, Mass., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I have been using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it has helped me wonderfully. I was troubled with headache, backache and that weak and tired feeling. I cannot say enough in praise of your medicine for it has done me so much good. I shall recommend it to all my friends who suffer."

Despondency is a disease. Nervousness and snappishness come with it. Will power won't overcome it. The feminine organs are connected by nerves with the brain and all parts of the body. These organs must be healthy or the mind is not healthy.

All low-spirited or suffering women may write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., and receive her advice free of charge. Don't wait until your life is wrecked by neglect and suffering. Get advice in time.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought has borne the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, and has been made under his personal supervision for over 30 years. Allow no one to deceive you in this. Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments, and endanger the health of Children—Experience against Experiment.

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An Important Meeting of University Trustees.

Wilmington Messenger.

The trustees of the University of North Carolina met at Raleigh on the 21st instant. It was in some respects an important meeting as it made a radical departure. The university will hold open sessions all the year round. There will be no closed doors henceforth, but teaching will be continued through all the months. It will suggest journalistic life, newspaper life—closing the 31st of December to begin the next day for another unbroken year. The idea is catching if the teachers can stand the strain. It will thus offer extraordinary opportunities to a special class of youth. It will be very hard on the students who shall study all the year through. How it will work when practically tested we cannot anticipate, but it looks well on paper. President Alderman says in his report to the trustees:

"The plan of the continuous sessions is a part of a large whole. It is one manifestation of the university extension spirit—that spirit which, during the last eight or nine years, has been leading many of the more prominent universities of our country to widen their fields of activity with the purpose of bringing the advantages of the university to those classes of the population that have heretofore been deprived of university culture. It is, in effect, a movement to add a year to the life of a scholarly man."

It is worth trying. The university has steadily grown. In 1890 it had 178 students enrolled. In 1900 it has 512 regular students, exclusive of the summer school enrolment. Before the war the highest attendance was 461—in 1858. The highest since the war—the greatest up to date—is that above given—512. Under the presidency of Dr. Alderman the increase is 33 per cent. It is worth mentioning that the first papér in North Carolina to advocate Dr. Alderman for the vacant presidency was The Messenger. It has not regretted its action.

The Messenger is always friendly to what is good in the university. When it sees anything wrong it has thought it proper to point it out. It has often insisted that the university should be better fostered. Its one rival among southern institutions of learning—the University of Virginia—receives, we think it is, $15 000 more annually from the state than our own fine university receives. We see it mentioned that the Virginia university will receive still more generous aid.

The Messenger has urged upon the alumni and friends of the university to contribute more liberally to its income. The rich might emulate northern beneficence and generosity. Others might contribute to its endowment $5,000 or half or quarter that sum, while poorer men might give $1,000 or $750. or $500, or $100. It would even be in order for still smaller contributions to be made—$50, $25 or even $10 or $5. All would help to create a large endowment fund.

Dr. Alderman says, and we do not suppose he exaggerates:

"By the exercise of rigid economy unsurpassed in America, by self sacrifice, hard work, enterprise and vigilant appreciation of popular needs, the university has grown into the rank and class of institutions enjoying two and three times its income, and it has preserved inviolate its reputation for honesty of work and academic dignity. This fact is known and wondered at in the southern states, where it is best known. Its student body in ten years has increased 150 per cent. Its income from the state 25 per cent., and this, in face of the fact that the American college student pays only one-fourth of the amount required to train him."

It is suggested that there are many "urgent needs" even now. Among these are:

"1. Professor of Political Economy.
"2. Associate Professor of Physics and Electrical Engineering.
"3. Professorship of English Language.
"4. More instructors and better pay to those who have proven themselves good.
"5 A Modern Gymnasium.
"6. Completion of Alumni Building.
"7. Better care of buildings and grounds.

Railroading Patents.

A single firm of Patent Lawyers, C. A. Snow & Co., of Washington, D. C., have in the last year procured 1,630 patents for their clients, many of them for rejected inventions. C. A. Snow & Co. have been accused of railroading patents through the Patent Office, but they insist that this locomotion is better than ox-earting them, for by the latter process the inventor often dies before he gets his patent. tf.

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Earthquake in Austria.

By cable to the Observer.

Vienna, March 5.—A severe earthquake shock was felt throughout southern Tyrol last night. It was particularly strong at Trentine and Arco, where the inhabitants were thrown into a wild panic. There was no loss of life.

Sugar Trust Now In The Saddle.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, March 5.—The Brooklyn house of the Sugar Trust was shut down last night and five hundred men are out of employment. It is said to be the first step toward an increase of price, which will be forced by the Trust by reducing the out put of sugar made possible by the passage of the Porto Rico tariff bill.

The Plague at Cape Town.

By cable to the Observer.

Cape Town, March 6.—A case of Bubonic plague has developed on a ship in Table Bay.

Fire in New York.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Kingston, N. Y, March 6.—The large four-story building of Elting & Sons, with a big stock of clothing, was burned this morning. The American Express, Carr & Sons' undertaking establishment and the Arcade was damaged. The loss is seventy-five thousand dollars.

Terrible Mine Disaster.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Montgomery, W. Va., March 6.—There was a gas explosion in the Ash Mine at Fire Creek to-day and twelve have been taken out, five of whom are dead. Fifty are still in the mine with no hope of recovery.

Shall be Tried in a Federal Court.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Jackson, Miss., March 6.—The Upper House of the Legislature has passed the Adams anti-Mob Bill providing that the person accused of rape shall be given immediate trial, and that the sheriff or officer who allows the prisoner to be taken from his custody and lynched shall be arraigned before the Circuit Court.

The Andre Expedition.

By cable to the Observer.

Stockholm, March 6.—The Government has decided to offer rewards for relics of the Andre expedition.

News of Interest.

England begins the mobilization of a powerful fleet at Torbay. Fifteen battleships have arrived.

Olga Nethersole and others are bound over to court in the "Sappho" case.

Jesse James, accompanied by his brother, Sam. James, went to the home of L. S. Lewis, in Belvoir township, about ten miles from Greenville, Sunday night for the purpose of marrying Lewis' daughter. Lewis objected and a fight ensued, resulting in the death of Sam. James and the wounding of Jesse James and Lewis.

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A Pleasant Lemon Tonic prepared from the fresh juice of Lemons, combined with other vegetable liver tonics, cathartics, aromatic stimulants. Sold by druggist, 50c. and $1 00 bottles.

For biliousness and constipation.
For indigestion and foul stomach.
For sick and nervous headache.
For palpitation and heart failure take Lemon Elixir.
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For fevers, malaria, and chills take Lemon Elixir.
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The Greensboro Record.

We are glad to note great improvement in the Greensboro Daily Record. It deserves success, for it is a straight Democratic paper, lending no aid to fusion with McKinleyites.

More Dispensary Money.

Last week Mr. J. W. Ingold, manager of the Cumberland County Dispensary, paid over $1,200 each to the city of Fayetteville and the county of Cumberland. It was only last January that he made a similar payment.

Transfer of Property.

On Saturday Mr. W. W. Martin, of Four Oaks, purchased of Mrs. John Garrason the old Dr. Robinson property on the corner of Green and Bow streets. He also purchased from Mrs. N. W. Ray last week, the E. F. Moore residence on Haymount, and he will probably at some future day reside there.

February Dispensary Report.

Stock on hand Feb. 1st,		$4,861.50
Purchases for February,		2,209.27
		$7,070.77
Stock on hand Mch. 1st, 1900,	$4,351.53	
Sales as per vouch'rs,	3,754 05	
	$8,105.58	
Gross profits,		$1,034 81
Expenses and freights,		195.94
Net profit,		$ 838.87

Wedding at Cedar Creek.

Married at Neill Downing's, residence of the bride's father, near Cedar Creek, Cumberland county, N. C., March 1st, at 11 a. m., Ad. W. Smith to Miss Daisy B. Downing, by H. B. Downing, J. P. The bride and groom left for their new home, Ashpole, Robeson county, on the 4:20 p. m. train. The wedding was a very pleasant one and the young couple leave many pleasant memories and loving friends around their old home. We heartily commend them to the good people of Robeson county.

The New Dispensary Board.

The County Commissioners, the Board of Audit and Finance and Mayor W. S. Cook, the officials named by law for the election of the Board of Dispensary Managers, met at three o'clock Monday afternoon to elect a new Board in accordance with law. The present Board is composed of Messrs. J. W. McNeill, J. B. Broadfoot and Ralph Jessup. This new Board elects the Manager of the Dispensary.

Later.—The following were elected members of the Dispensary Board: Dr. J. W. McNeill, C. B. McMillan and J. B. Broadfoot.

At a meeting of this Board, held on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. J. W. Ingold was re-elected manager.

The Canalization of the Cape Fear River Perfectly Practicable.

Capt. E. W. Van C. Lucas, of the U. S. Engineer Corps, visited Fayetteville, on invitation of the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and was received by them in full meeting at the office of the Secretary, Mr. F. R. Rose, last Friday afternoon. The interview was highly satisfactory and most encouraging. Capt. Lucas said there would be no difficulty, by suitable works, of maintaining, as a minimum, the year round, either 4, 6 or 8 feet of water in our splendid river, according to the amount of money appropriated.

The importance of this to our rapid development into a manufacturing centre can not be overestimated. Steps were taken by the directors to press this matter in every way possible. Fayetteville is obliged to steadily improve in the light of its brilliant prospects.

Big Suit Against John Gill, Receiver.

Hon. Geo. M. Rose returned last night from Guilford and Forsythe counties, where he has been to argue railroad cases. The most important case he had was at Greensboro, where he defended John Gill, receiver of the C. F. & Y. V., in a $20,000 damage suit. The jury gave judgment against the defendant for $500.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled for piles, injuries and skin diseases. It is the original Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of all counterfeits.

King Bros.

The Best Prescription for Chills

and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price, 50c.

Geo. Barbe, Mendota, Va., says, "Nothing did me so much good as Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. One dose relieved me, a few bottles cured me." It digests what you eat and always cures dyspepsia.

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Meeting of County Commissioners.

The regular monthly meeting of the County Commissioners was held Monday, Chairman A. B. Williams and Messrs. D. G. Blue, W. H. Downing and Attorney J. G. Shaw present.

The petition of sundry citizens of Black River, asking that a public road be laid out from Dunn, N. C., to Mingo, was granted, providing no part of the expense in opening or keeping up said road attach to Cumberland county.

On motion it was ordered that the county be relieved of the responsibility of keeping up the McDaniel bridge, and that it be kept up by the parties who were formerly responsible for keeping it up before being thrown upon the county.

It was ordered that W. H. Averitt be paid $5 for killing one wild cat.

It was ordered that all the county prisoners now in jail, and those who may be committed hereafter, be vaccinated until further ordered.

On motion it was ordered that a committee, consisting of Jno. Black and N. M. McFadyen, be and they are appointed a committee to confer with the proper parties of Hope Mills Manufacturing Company and ascertain the proper dimensions for the timber slip to be placed in Rockfish creek.

It was ordered that the rent of the telephone in the clerk's office be paid by the county, to include the rent already incurred by clerk A. A. McKethan.

A Revenue Raid in Bladen.

Last week Deputy Collector Sutton, Deputy Marshal Morrisey and Special Deputy J. W. Maultsby took a trip into Bladen county on a still hunt. They succeeded in locating an illicit distillery situated it a big swamp, but the moonshiners had been warned and had removed the whole outfit, except the cap and worm. The cap was a part of a tree, hollowed out, and the worm was the scabbard of an old cavalry sabre.

At another place they were given information which led them to the very jaws of death, but discovered a well planned ambush just in time to frustrate it.

Cross Creek's Oldest Citizen Dead.

Mr. John Cavener died suddenly Sunday morning at the residence of Mr. John P. Thomson, aged 93 years. The deceased came to this country many years ago from the county of Monaghan, Ireland, and was a farmer in Carvers Creek township up to some years ago, when he became very feeble, and having no relations, found a good asylum at the home of Mrs. Ann Monaghan, with whom he lived up to the time of her death recently.

The funeral took place from the Catholic Church at 10 o'clock Monday morning. The following were the pallbearers: Messrs. B. C. Gorham. J. A. King, C. J. Ahearn, J. H. Culbreth, I. W. Clark, A. E. Ellis.

A Noble Sermon.

A large congregation attended St. John's Episcopal church Sunday to hear the venerable and beloved Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Reverend Dr. Watson, preach. It was veritably a noble sermon, a model of superb English, and a remarkable example of the manner in which a master of the language can render stern logic pleasing with delightful antitheses. It taught the supreme authority of the Creator's command, which was the test of the righteousness or sinfulness of every thought, word, or deed of his creatures.

The holy rite of Confirmation was administered to fifteen persons.

Big Rockfish as a Floating Stream.

There is a movement on foot among those interested in mill sites and property owners along Big Rockfish creek to have the stream discontinued as a public waterway for the floating of timber rafts down to the Cape Fear. Yesterday Mr. Z. B. Newton was before the County Commissioners of Robeson and at his request they appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. John Adcock and D. Z. McGougan to confer with a similar committee appointed by the commissioners of Cumberland county with the purpose of looking into the feasibility of the discontinuance of Big Rockfish as a floating stream.

Marriage Licenses.

Seven marriage licenses have been granted by the Register of Deeds so far this month, 3 to white and 4 to colored. One granted this morning was to Mr. Willie Ammons, age 23, and Miss Mary Jackson, 19 both of Carver's Creek.

Race Trouble in Alabama.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Letchatchie, Ala., March 5.—Thousands of negroes are up in arms over the assassination of one of their leaders, Jim Cosby. He was called to his door at midnight Saturday and riddled with buckshot. The assassins rushed over his body and dragged his wife and little daughter from bed and shot them several times, leaving them for dead. Negroes for fifty miles around have crowded to this place. They declare they know the perpetrators and will have revenge. The whites are well armed and if the negroes fire the first shot, there will be horrible slaughter. The negro who shot merchant Powell several days ago, was lynched. The negroes declared they would have revenge and Cosby was their most fearless spokesman.

We have saved many doctor bills since we began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our home. We keep a bottle open all the time and when ever any of my family or myself begin to catch cold we begin to use the Cough Remedy, and as a result we never have to send away for a doctor and incur a large doctor bill, for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never fails to cure. It is certainly a medicine of great merit and worth.—D. S. MEARKLE, General Merchant and Farmer, Mattie, Bedford county, Pa. For sale by B. E. Sedberry & Sons.

Mrs. J. K. Miller, Newton, Hamilton, Pa., writes, "I think DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve the grandest salve made." It cures piles and heals everything. All fraudulent imitations are worthless.

King Bros.

Mr. Stansbury Monroe.

Mr. Stansbury Monroe, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy at Chapel Hill, where he is attending the University, last week, while enroute home yesterday had another slight attack at Selma. We are glad to learn this afternoon that he is some better. His mother and sister left last night for his bedside.

The Dispensary Matter—Col: Staples Says Cumberland's Is Constitutional.

The Greensboro Dispensary case which, it is said involves the constitutionality of the dispensary law, was argued before the Supreme Court at Raleigh yesterday. The case is that of E. T. Garsed vs. city of Greensboro.

In the course of his argument, Col. Staples counsel for Garsed, while arguing against the constitutionality of the Greensboro act, said that the court decided properly in the Cumberland county case.

The Raleigh Post says:

"Col. Staples maintained that no other dispensary law which has been passed by the Legislature is on "all-fours" with the Greensboro act; that the court held properly in the Cumberland county and Swain county cases; that the Legislature had the right to control the liquor traffic, and in these cases had assumed to do so by appointing their own agents and making the territory embraced within their jurisdiction to cover the county; and the county, being an integral part of the State, of course, was subject to legislature control. But, said he, the Legislature has made of Greensboro and its chartered territory a petty sovereignty, and in respect to its local and internal government independent of general legislation; that there is a distinction between a general public law and a public law of local application."

The Counterfeit Case.

It was on Friday afternoon and not Saturday night that Mr. J. D. Scoggins saw the stranger who is reported to have been in company with Dan Bennett, now under arrest for passing counterfeit money. He bought two cheroots of Mr. Scoggins and received change for a metal dollar. Mr. Scoggins did not notice that it was counterfeit until the stranger had lighted one of the cheroots and was on his way out. He then called him back and made him return the money. He offered to return both cheroots but was allowed to keep the one in his mouth. Not long afterwards a little negro boy tendered Mr. Scoggins four pieces of the same kind of coin to be changed, but Mr. Scoggins was now too well on his guard to be caught. The boy had, no doubt, been sent by the mysterious stranger. Bennett will be tried tomorrow.

News of Interest.

A dispatch from Fire Creek, W. Va., last night says:

The Red Ashe Mine Explosion is the most disastrous ever known in this district. Although the most heroic work of the rescuing party has been going on incessantly all day, it is impossible to estimate the full extent of the loss of life and property. More than fifty dead bodies have already been taken out and the number of dead may reach 75 or more. It it thought tonight that at least 45 miners are yet entombed in the wrecked mine.

Edward C. Flanagan, the man who murdered Miss Ruth Slack and Mrs. Martha Allen at Popular Springs on New Year's eve, 1896, gave Dixon Allen the wound which subsequently caused his death and attempted the life of Geo. W. Allen, died in the county jail at Decatur, Georgia, yesterday. Setting aside the crime for which the prisoner was put in jail, the case of Flanagan is remarkable by reason of the many trials, convictions and death sentences which have fallen to him and the attendant train of fatalities which has seemingly followed those interested in the matter. Eight have died and two have gone insane. Judge Candler has three times passed sentence of death on Flanagan. Flanagan made three attemps to escape from the Decatur jail. On one of these attemps he secured the jailer's baby and held it up in front of him to prevent the father from shooting him.

Turned Adrift by the Trust.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Jersey City, March 7.—One thousand employees of the Sugar Trust this morning are greatly disappointed. They had expected to be taken back to work, but were told that they must look for a living elsewhere.

In Congress.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, March 7th.—Senator Mason gave notice in the Senate that to-morrow he would move that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration of the resolution of sympathy with the Boers. He accuses them of child's play. Senator Lodge is now addressing the Senate on the Spooner resolution, providing that when the insurrection in the Philippines is suppressed all civil and judicial powers be vested in such persons as the President may elect.

The High Binders.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, March 7.—The Chinese colony is greatly agitated over the report that the High Binders are operating here. The wholesale attacks, nearly all, of a mysterious character, made upon Washington Chinamen, bear the marks of High Binder methods.

It is hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by B. E. Sedberry & Sons.

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Boers Made French Retire.

By cable to the Observer.

Osfontein, Saturday, March 3.—The cavalry under General French, forming the advance guard to Roberts' march toward Bloemfontien is being sturdily opposed in its progress eastward. An attempt was made this morning to out force the enemy, occupying a strong position four miles east, but after an exchange of a few rifle shots and the receipt of half a dozen four-pounder shells from the Boers French retired. A larger force is now going forward and hard fighting is expected.

Big Fight On.

London, March 5.—A big fight is on today near Dordrict. It began yesterday and lasted all day. The British drove the Boers from their advance lines at Labuschagne Neck last night and slept on their arms in the captured Boer trenches expecting to begin the battle again early this morning.

Three British Armies in the Field.

The silence of the war office concerning the movements of the main British army in South Africa continues, though what information leaks through indicates that the campaign is being steadily carried forward. There are now practically three British armies in the field, one in the Free State, another in Cape Colony and the one in Natal. The former is in close touch with a body of Boers estimated to number about six thousand. The speculation in regard to the movements of Lord Roberts are quite worthless, so carefully are the plans concealed.

Will Struggle to the Last.

A despatch to the Times from Lorenzo Marquez dated Sunday says persistent reports continue to prevail that the Transvaal Government has opened negotiations looking to securing peace. On the other hand that the Boers will make a stand at Glencoe and Laings Neck, is stoutly asserted, and that in the mean time the intrenchments at Pretoria are being extended in anticipation of a siege. The despatch says that one in high authority at Bloemfontein says in the event of the repulse of the Boer's Free State forces, the latter will retire towards the Transvaal and unite with their brethren their, maintaining the struggle to the last.

Kruger Says, Strive in the Lord's Name or Abandon Hope.

A Lorenzo Marquez despatch says that President Kruger has issued a proclamation, urging all the Burghers to stand firm and to strive in the name of the Lord. Unless they had faith in the Lord, cowardice would set in and their position be hopeless, for in a minute it would be turned by the enemy.

Brabant Occupies Stormberg.

By cable to the Observer.

Sterkstrom, March 6.—General Gatacre entered Stormberg yesterday unopposed. The Boers destroyed the railroad approach, but the station was intact.

Gatacre Gains a Victory.

Dordrect, March 5.—General Brabant has scored a complete victory. The Boers are in full retreat with their guns and wagons and are being pursued. Following yesterday's success, he again engaged the Boers today with the advantage of holding the position captured yesterday. There was some sharp fighting this morning, the British losing five or six men in capturing a Boer fort, thus vastly improving their position. The Boers fought tenaciously, contesting every inch, but ultimately retreated suddenly.

The Boers Facing Roberts—Position Extends Ten Miles.

Osfontein, March 6.—The Inniskillings and New South Wales Lancers made a reconnoissance in force yesterday, and found the Boers had extended their position, which is now over ten miles long, with the river as their centre. The exact number of them now confronting the British is unknown, but they are being reinforced every day.

London, March 6.—A despatch from Osfontein dated March 5th, says: The Boer position has been located four miles from our front, extending over eight miles. It is believed the Free Staters are ready to throw up the sponge. Bloemfontein remains undefended except by the force in front of us. If there should be further British successes, it is believed President Steyn will flee to Pretoria. He is reported to be in the Boer Laager in front of us.

Despatch from Roberts.

The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts dated Monday: "General Buller reports that Natal is practically clear of the enemy. The Boers left some ambulances full of sick and wounded."

Exceed in Horror Dantes Inferno.

A despatch from Ladysmith describing General White's sick troops and their withdrawal to new quarters says: "The scenes along the road from Ladysmith to Colenzo exceed in horror those depicted in Dantes Inferno. Dead men and animals are lying mutilated and putrefying in the trenches formerly occupied by the Boers, filling the air with a sickening stench. In the cases where a hurried burial was attempted the rains have washed the earth away and ghastly legs and arms of corpses stick out of the ground."

McKinley Again Crawfishing.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, March 7.—The President today informed callers that his views on Porto Rico had not changed in the slightest, that he merely yielded to the judgment of the Republican leaders of the House who thought a moderate duty should be levied.

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at B. E. Sedberry & Son's drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

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Roberts Cables that Boers are in Full Retreat.

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Kruger and Steyn Agree to Fight to the Death.

The Despatch from Roberts Unexpected, as Boers Were Said to be Preparing for a Great Battle—Boer Rebellion Spreading—Bubonic Plague Reported at San Francisco—Latest from the Mine Disaster—Big Fire in Philadelphia.

Bubonic Plague at San Francisco(?)

By telegraph to the Observer.

San Francisco, March 7.—It is feared the Bubonic plague is here. It is believed that Wong Chut King, a Chinese laborer, died of that disease.

Latest from the Mine Disaster.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 7.—The work of rescue at the Red Ash mine went on all night with more system than yesterday. The reports this morning indicate that the first reports greatly exaggerated the loss of life. The latest reports from the mouth of the mine show that twenty-seven dead bodies have been taken out and that forty or fifty are still entombed. It is not believed that any of those in the mine will escape. Sixty per cent. of the dead are whites an eighty per cent. are married.

British Pushing Forward.

By cable to the Observer.

Ladysmith, March 6th, (delayed).—A large British force has been pushed forward toward VanReenens pass, and scouts have captured two railway locomotives. Stores are being sent forward to advanced posts at Harrissmith on the railroad line.

Kruger and Steyn to Fight to the Death.

Brussels, March 7.—Presidents Kruger and Steyn have sealed a new alliance between the Transvaal and Orange Free States, pledging each republic to fight to the death. This news was cabled to the Transvaal legation here today by President Kruger, giving an account of the conference between the two Presidents. The despatch adds that they were confident in the hope that resistance would inspire an intervention by the powers to prevent the extinction of the two republics.

Boers Preparing for the Greatest Battle Yet.

London, March 7.—The Boers are massing at Osfontein for one of the greatest battles yet. General Joubert is in supreme command and faces Roberts, and is bringing up men and guns from all directions. The Boers occupy twenty seven Kopjes north and south of the Modder River. They are working night and day digging trenches, making breastworks and fortresses. Kopjes, hills and ridges bristle with cannon and mausers. The number of men and guns is not exactly determined. Roberts wishes the Boers to mass so he can strike a decisive blow.

Boer Rebellion Spreading.

Carnarvon, S. A., March 7.—The rebellion of the Colonial Dutch is spreading south from Griquti. and the borders are patrolled throughout by Boers.

London, March 7.—A despatch to the News Agency confirms the above and adds that the number in the rebellious territory mentioned are three thousand. The districts of Briesks and Kenhardt are proclaimed Free State territory.

Boers in Full Retreat.

General Roberts wires from Osfontein that the Boers are in full retreat, and are being pursued by cavalry, horse artilly and mounted infantry.

Buller's Last Casualties.

In the last vain attempt of Buller to relieve Ladysmith, the casualties were 116 killed, 583 wounded, 54 missing.

Flying Column of British in the Transvaal.

A Durban special says that a Flying Column of British troops from Zululand, has entered the Transvaal and has been daily skirmishing with small parties of Boers.

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" —ham	9a10
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" —shoulders—	8
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Peas—clay	75
" —mixed	70
" —white,	90@100
Meal—bolted—46 lbs per bushel	55@60
" —unbolted—48 lbs per bushel	50@55
Corn—old—56 lbs per bushel	50
Onions—select—per bushel	1.00a1.25
Lard—N. C.	8@9
Tallow	4
Ducks	20@25
Hens—per head	22½@25
Roosters—per head	18 a 20
Turkeys—per lb	8a9
Guineas	none
Geese	25 a 30
Country Butter	25
Hams	12a13
Honey—strained—per lb	8c
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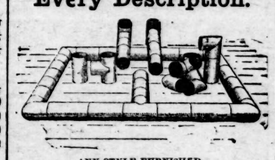

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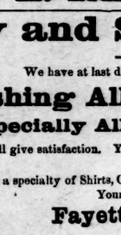

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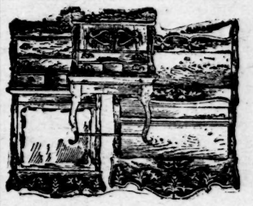

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The four precincts of Cross Creek met in the Market House Hall Thursday evening, at first separately, then jointly and then as a White Supremacy Club.

There was a fine gathering of the representative Democrats of each precinct present, and more harmonious meetings have never been witnessed in this city.

FIRST PRECINCT.

The first precinct of which Mr. J. B. Underwood is chairman met in the north east wing, and declared that those present and those who should enroll themselves by the morning of the 9th of March, should be delegates to the County Convention. The following were those present:

H R Davis, L A Williamson, John Underwood, E R MacKethan, A S Hall, J H Benton, A E Dixon, J H Ledbetter, C L Jones, J F Faircloth, A H Watson, C E Bennett, I A Murchison, A A McKethan, W C Davis, C H Bramble, W H Powell, J B Underwood, Jr, D G MacKethan, J G Hollingsworth, A S Wightman, Ralph B King, C D Sadberry, E L Pemberton.

A motion to endorse a candidate was rejected.

The following Executive Committee was elected: J. B. Underwood, Jr., E. R. McKethan, W. H. Powell, C. M. Watson, A. E. Dixon.

SECOND PRECINCT.

The second precinct, Mr. W. C. Holland, chairman, met in the southeast wing and took similar action as to delegates as the first precint. The following were present:

A B Williams, B R Taylor, W S Cook, W R Clark, H J McBuie, N E Bunting, D T Oates, Q K Nimocks, S H MacRae, W B Malloy, W M Thomas, A McBuie, J S Maultsby, J A Barnes, W C Holland, J H Culbreth, N B Alexander, Leighton Huske, W M Glover, E M Downing, Wm Alderman, J D Snoggins, J A Hedgpeth.

The following Executive Committee was elected: W C Holland, C H McLauchlin, J A Burns, A B Williams and Joseph Atkins.

THIRD PRECINCT.

The third precinct, Mr. H. L. Cook, chairman, met in the southwest wing, and after declaring all those present, and those who should enroll themselves by the morning of the 9th of March, delegates to the County Convention, passed resolutions endorsing C. B. Aycock for Governor. Those present were:

H W Lilly, R G Haigh, A J Cook, J W Judge, George Nixon, Silas Carter, J M Goddard, E J McGilvary, W C Troy, Isham Black, C B McMillan, W H Flowers, D A McMillan, J L York, J B Broadfoot, J P Cook, J A Lambeth, E T Watson, H L Cook.

The following Executive Committee was elected: H L Cook, J M Goddard, W C Troy, E E Gorham, E T Watson.

Resolved, That the Democracy of the Third Precinct favor the nomination of Hon. C. B. Aycock for Governor, and Hon. D. H. McLean for Secretary of State. Unanimously adopted.

FOURTH PRECINCT.

The fourth precinct, Mr J D McNeill chairman, met in the north-west wing and took the same action as the other precincts in regard to delegates. The following were those present:

A Jackson, Chas Campbell, W D Gaster, J F Johnson, H Lutterloh, J G Shaw, H McD Robinson, E. J. Hale, Jr, C B Ledbetter, J D McNeill, D N McLean, J G Oehrl, C W Elliott, W W Cole, E J Hale, G A Burns, D M Fairley, Styles Sedberry, J B Troy, J B Smith, L B Hale, H R Horne.

The following were elected the executive committee:

J D McNeill, I W. Clark, J B Smith, H. Lutterloh, W G Hall.

THE JOINT MEETING.

The several precints then resolved themselves into a joint meeting, with County Chairman H L Cook presiding and L B Hale Secretary. Chairman Cook read a letter from Mr J M Lamb, regretting his inability to attend, containing a strong approval for the Constitutional Amendment. It was heartly applauded. Hon. J. G. Shaw, then arose and in a few well chosen words moved that Hon. Dan Hugh McLean be endorsed for the nomination of Secretary of State and it was carried with a whoop. H. McD. Robinson, Esq. in eulogistic speech asked the meeting to recomend to the County Convention, the name of Hon. C. B. Aycock for the Gubernatorial nomination and this was done with a will.

Hon. J. G. Shaw in a few handsome words asked that Maj E. J. Hale be recommended to the County Convention for endorsement as delegate at large to the Kansas City Convention, and this on motion of Capt. A. B. Williams, was done by a rising vote.

Maj. E. J. Hale, moved, and seconds came from all parts of the hall, that the Constutional amendent be endorsed by the Cross Creek Democracy and it was done amid great applause.

A WHITE SUPREMACY CLUB.

Chairman Cook then asked that all those present who so desired remain and form a White Supremacy Club of Cross Creek township, everyone remained and an organigation was effected by the election of Mr. E. R. McKethan, President; Mr. L. A. Williamson, Vice-president; Mr. L. B. Hale, Secrectary and Treasuer.

Those present then enrolled themselves as members, and their names are those given above in the Precinct meetings.

Mr. McNeill recommended that all who attended the future meetings of the Club bring one or more persons with them, and this was heartily agreed to. The following were then called on, and addressed the Club in short but inspiring speeches: Messrs. J. G. Shaw, H. McD. Robinson, E. J. Hale, A. S. Hall and H. L. Cook. The Club then adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Ex-Congressman John E. Fowler.

The Sampson Democrat of Thurrday contains the following:

Ex-Congressman John E. Fowler, who has been in poor health for some time, has gone to Drs. Marsh and Highsmith's Sanitarium at Fayetteville, where he will take a special course of treatment. He expects soon to go to Chase City, Va., where he will recreate for a while. His friends trust he will soon be restored to health.

Postmaster at Argyle.

Mr. Duncan McL. Holt, was Thursday appointed postmaster at Argyle, Cumberland county.

Dr. Hodges.

Our former townsman, Dr. J. A. Hodges, continues to win positions of honor in his adopted home, Richmond.

A recent issue of the Richmond Evening Leader in announcing the organiation of the South Atlantic Insurance Company in that city, says that Dr. J. Allison Hodges has been elected to the position of medical director.

The Leader says that the capital of the new company is $200,000, and they have a surplus of $50,000, in addtion, and that the officers and directors comprise a number of the leading business men of Richmond and other cities. Notably among them is General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, who is third vice-president.

The Leader says:

"Dr. Hodges, who will fill the very responsible place of medical director, is well known not only in Virginia, but especially in North Carolina and the south. He is at present the proctor of the University College of Medicine in this city, and enjoys a large and lucrative practice, which he has built up since his removal to this state from North Carolina.

Mr. John Nicholson Promoted.

Our former townsman, Mr. John A. Nicholson, who has been in the S. A. L. shops at Raleigh since the removal of the Fayetteville shops, has been made master mechanic of the S. A. L. shops at Monroe. It is a deserved promotion and one that Mr. Nicholson will fill with credit.

Mrs. Nicholson and children, who are still making Fayetteville their home, will shortly join Mr. Nicholson at Monroe.

February Was a Good Marrying Month.

The last day of February brought a rush of applicants for marriage licences to the Register of Deed's office, five being granted vesterday, three to white and two to colored. The total for the month just closed is 33, 25 to white and 8 to colored. The two last granted were to Mr. P. B. Guy. 27, and Miss Maggie Jordan, 19, both of Flea Hill, and Mr. A. W. Smith, 25, and Miss Daisey Downing, 23, both of Cedar Creek.

The Lumber Bridge Affair.

The Carolina Record of Red Springs, Thursday, had the following to say about a case already well known to our readers:

Samuel McLeod is to be tried at Lumber Bridge to-day, so it is reported, on a very serious charge, but the general consensus of opinion, so far as we have heard, is that it is a put-up-job on the old man, who is 65 years of age and has a remarkably fine family. We hear that Proctor & McIntyre, of Lumberton, and Thomas H. Sutton, of Fayetteville, are attorneys for the prosecutor, a negro woman, and McLean and John H. Cook for the defendant.

It is understood that Mr. McLeod has forfeited his bond, leaving for parts unknown.

Hon. H. A. London Will Address the County Convention March 10th

Chairman H. L. Cook, of the Democratic County Executive Committee announces that Hon. H. A. London, of Pittsboro, will address the County Convention when it meets in Fayetteville on March 10th. The Constitutional Amendment will be fully and clearly explained and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance. Mr. London is a polished gentleman and an accomplished and pleasant speaker, and our people may be assured that a treat is in store for them. Let the Democrats of the county turn out.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on B. E. Sedberry & Son, Druggist, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

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Dundonald Enters Ladysmith.

By cable to the Observer.

London, March 1.—It is officially announced at the war office that General Lord Dundonald with a force of Natal Carbiners and a composite regiment entered Ladysmith this morning.

The Relief of Ladysmith.

Ladysmith, March 1st.—At 1 o'clock this morning a portion of the forces of General Buller headed by Lord Dundonald, with a full force of Natal Carbiners and seven companies of other regiments, among them some of the Dublin Fusiliers and Lancashirs, reached this city and raised the siege. They came via the road across Klip River and east of Cæser's Hill. Everybody had become worn out with the continuous strain. The people slept little and roamed about, even careless of the efforts of the Boer snipers. For hours and hours their eyes were glued to their telescopes. At last the glad news came. Runners yesterday morning brought the information that General Buller expected to relieve the garrison within twenty four hours, and in consequence the rejoicing was great. After the capture of Peiters Hill the Boers simply disappeared as the British advanced. There was no general retiring movement. Dundonald sent a scouting expedition west Tuesday night. It reconnoitred all night and Wednesday reported that he could reach Ladysmith and was directed to do so. He had little difficulty in making his way through the ravines and around the hills, and last evening he crossed the plain, following the railroad track and entered the city.

General White had made preparations to sally out and aid in the advance of the British if necessary. Lord Dundonald reports that when the Lancashires charged Pieters Hill Tuesday, they overtook the Boers flying from their trenches and bayonetted them. Sixteen of the fleeing men were killed and twenty three wounded.

Boer Loss at Jamestown.

London, March 1.—The Boer loss at Jamestown was 50 killed, 123 wounded and 300 missing.

Joy Reigns Supreme in England—Business Suspended.

There is rejoicing everywhere. Thousands blocked the approaches to the Mansion House and the cheering is incessant. Grave old financiers shouted and waved flags; and business is forgotten. Nothing could be done on the Stock Exchange and the members devoted themselves to singing the national anthem. The market closed at one o'clock as nobody wanted to do business on such a day. From one end of the metrrpolis to the other joy reigned supreme. All over the Kingdom these scenes are being duplicated.

Boers Assault Mafeking.

A Cape Town special says a telegram was received there from Mafeking that the Boers made a severe and protracted assault on the 24th, but after determined fighting the Boers were repulsed, losing forty killed and wounded.

Roberts Reported at Bloemfontein.

It is reported that Lord Roberts has reached Bloemfontein. The war office s mute on the subject.

Crooje Surrendered 4,162 Men.

Lord Roberts reports today that the Boers captured at Paardeburg numbe forty-one hundred and sixty two.

Description of the Captured Boer Camp—Distinguished Captures.

Cape Town, March 1.—The Boer prisoners captured by Roberts include Commandant Wolmarans, a member of the Transvaal Executive Council, two members of the Volksraad and two sons of Her Fischer, a member of the Orange Free State Executive Council. Cronje and Wolmarans are Krugers firmest and closest supporters.

Paardeberg, March 1.—A two hours' inspection of the Boer Laager was an ordeal. It is marvelous how any one could remain ten days among the decomposed bodies of horses, cattle and sheep roasting in the sun. Not a single wagon is intact, and most of them are half burned. There is scarcely any artillery or ammunition. The position on the south is protected by remarkable trenches looking like split dumbbells, banked with sandbags, waist high, with the ends deep and overhanging. Many of the bags are filled with flour, bread and cartridges. Probably not more than three men lived in each trench. The prisoners looked more like an irregular horde than solders. Many are gray-bearded men and there are boys among them. They appear well fed but very tired. They carry a rough roll like that used by servants in carrying their effects when changing situations. Cronje and about a dozen others alone look like men of position. Even the uniformed Free Staters and artillerists were ragged.

Desperate Fighting Ahead of Roberts—His Line of Communication Threatened.

By cable to the Observer.

London, March 2.—Fifty thousand Boers are at Winburg, thirty-five miles northeast of Bloemfontein, and desperate fighting is ahead of Roberts. Seven thou and Boers are now east of his army and south of Blomfontein, and another force is reported in the southeast, threatening his lines of communication.

Promised Conje Relief.

A special correspondent at Paardeberg says: "A curious piece of news has been just related to me by Gen. Cronje's aid-de camp. It appears that Cronje was in daily heliographic communication with Gen. Dewet who he supposed was bringing up reinforcements. Cronje finally heliographed him that unless he was relieved immediateiy he would feel bound to surrender. Dewet replied with cheering messages, urging him to hold on longer and he would soon be relieved, but totally failed to effect any diversion."

It is understood here that the advance on Bloemfontein has already begun, and that French's cavalry has been engaged by a Boer force east of Paardeberg. A part of the Boer army will guard the passes of the Dakensburg and prevent Buller's troops from breaking through. Kelly-Kenny has sent a Brigade to strengthen Roberts' communication in the south.

Gen. Cronje Enroute to ths Cape.

Orange River, March 2.—Gen. Cronje and his wife passed here Thursday night bound for the Cape. Elaborate precautions were taken to prevent the public from seeing him. Even officers were ordered off the station and the refreshment room kept closed before his arrival. Kimberley passengers being obliged to go without food. Cronje looked dejected and miserable and much grayer. He entered the refreshment room accompanied by his wife, interpreter, son and Gen. Prettyman and staff. Taking his seat at the table Cronje covered his face with his hands for a few moments as he engaged in prayer.

Kruger Addresses a Vast Congregation.

Pretoria, March 1, via Lorenzo Marquez, March 2.—President Kruger addressed a vast congregation in Dopper Church, Majubah Hill, to-day. He said: "Dark clouds were still hovering over the land, but faith in the Almighty and the justness of our cause would carry the federal forces to a successful issue in the campaign.

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Good News for Fayetteville.

The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce showed us a letter from a prominent New England manufacturer who was here some time ago prospecting for a large million dollar cotton mill. Referring to the coming electric power at Fayetteville he says:

"No manufacturer at your place will burn wood at $1 50 per cord when they can rent electric horse power at $15.00."

In regard to the important industry he has in mind to locate here, he says:

"We are still looking into the matter. We will no doubt try and start such an enterprise—but we wish to get further information—as we know that that business will come your way sooner or later. Fayetteville is alright!"

This is very encouraging. Once the coming electric power is established here, Fayetteville will make giant strids towards her final distinction as a great manufacturing centre.

News of Interest.

The rapidly growing British casualty lists are being classified as quickly as possible. They show that up to yesterday morning the total number of casualties was 12 834, of which 2,319 were added during the last fortnight. Ten of the eleven Scotch regiments lost about 2,050 men, and eight of the Irish regiments 2,000. Then come the Glouchesters and Northumberlands, while of nearly 200 colonials the Royal Canadians lost 121, and the Victoria Mounted contingent 26. The casualties are classified thus: Killed, 1,993; wounded, 5,838; missing, 3,173; disease, 3 0.

The battle royal over the Porto Rican Tariff Bill ended in the House yesterday in a dearly bought victory for the Republicans. The bill, amended, as agreed upon at the conference of Republicans on Monday night so as to reduce the tariff from 25 per cent. to 15 per cent. of the American tariff, and limiting its life to two years, was passed by a vote of 172 yeas to 161 nays. Six Republicans, Messrs. Crumpacker, (Ind.), Fletcher, Heatwole, (Minn.), Littlefield, (Maine), Lorimer, (Ill.), and McCall, (Mass.), voted with the opposition against the bill, and four Democrats, Messrs. Davey and Myer,, (La.), Devries, (Cal.), and Sibley, (Pa.), voted with the Republicans for the bill.

John Dirr, Poseyville, Ind., says, "I never used anything as good as One Minute Cough Cure. We are never without it." Quickly breaks up coughs and colds. Cures all throat and lung troubles. Its use will prevent consumption. Pleasant to take. King Bros.

Attempted to Blow Up a Factory.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Lebanon, Pa., March 2.—A daring attempt to blow up the factory of F. H. Erb, at Palmyra, was prevented this morning by an employee. When engineer Zimmerman went to work this morning he noticed a small object suspended over the doorway in such a position as to be crushed between the doors in closing them. He took it down and found it was dynamite with two percussion caps at the ends of the package.

In Congress—McKinley Repentent (?)

By telegraph to the Observer.

Washington, Feb'y 2ad.—The President sent a message to Congress today recommending an appropriation of the money already received from the customs in Porto Rico be used for the benefit of the Porto Ricans. It appropriates two million dollars.

The Senate has taken up the Quay case. Senator Hoar is arguing on the affirmative. The recommendation in the President's message in regard to Porto Rico will be enacted into law today.

Americans Turn "Guerillas."

By cable to the Observer:

Manila, Feb'y 2ad.—Col. Anderson, with the Thirty-eighth infantry, employing insargent tactics, ambushed the Filipinos near Patangas. Through spies he learned that a detachment of insurgents would pass a certain road. He posted his soldiers concealed behind trees lining the road and when the enemy arrived the Americans fired a volley unexpectedly, killing twenty four and wounding thirty, and capturing several. The blow has dismayed the Filipinos in that vicinity.

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Probably Our Next Governor.

Raleigh Times-Visitor.

The Times-Visitor presents to its readers today an excellent likeness of Col. John S. Cuningham, of Person county, one of the leading candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor—many think he will be the leading candidate on the first ballot, and from present indications it appears to be very probable that he will be the successful candidate.

However this may turn out to be, it is very evident to every observing person that the growth of Col. Cuningham's candidacy has been something remarkable of late, and if he proves to be as popular in the majority of the counties as he is in Raleigh and Wake county and throughout this section of the State, it is difficult to see how either of his competitors can defeat him.

Probably no man in the State has more personal friends, many of them very influential ones, and their sincerity is being manifested by the active, personal interest many of them are taking in his candidacy. Some of them are voluntarily soliciting the support of their friends for the talented and genial Colonel, and are doing very effective work for him in this way.

Notice of Summons.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In Superior Court,
Cumberland Co. } before the Clerk.

Eva (Manly) Bell vs. John A. Manly, Caroline McMillan, William McMillan, Charlotte Manly, Caldon Manly, Mary Francis Manly, Maggie Jane Manly, Sarah Kate Manly, Flora Smith Manly, Charles Lovett—Publication of Summons.

The defendants John A Manly, Caroline McMillan, William McMillan, Charlotte Manly, Caldon Manly, Mary Francis Manly, Maggie Jane Manly, Sarah Kate Manly and Flora Smith Manly, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland County for the pose of having a sale and division of proceeds among the tenants in common, the complaint now being on file in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in said county, and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to be and appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland county, N. C, on the 16th day of April, 1900, and answer or demur to the said complaint, or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 3rd day of March, 1900.

A. A. McKETHAN,
Clerk of the Superior Court.

H. L. Cook, Att'y.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In the
Cumberland County. } Superior Court, before the Clerk.

D. G. McLellan, Executor of Jerry Dawson, *versus* R. C. Dawson Mimie Elliott and Mary Ann Elliott, heirs-at-law and devisees of Jerry Dawson—Summons.

The defendants above named, and especially Mimie Elliott and Mary Ann Elliott, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland county, the purpose of which is to sell the real estate of said Jerry Dawson to make assets to pay the debts of his said estate; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of said county, on Thursday, the 22nd day of March, 1900, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 6th day of February 1900.

A. A McKETHAN,
Clerk Superior Court.

N. A Sinclair, Attorney.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In Superior Court,
Cumberland Co. } before the Clerk.

E. Floyd and wife D. A. Floyd, Joel C. Johnson in his own right and as guardian for Alfred E. Autry, Geo. G Autry and Stacy Lee Autry *vs.* Mrs. Rebecca Autry, widow of J. D. Autry and Chas Benj. Taylor and K Buie, guardian *ad litem*, and E. W. Autry *alias* Williams,—Petition for Partition.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

It appearing to the Court that E. W. Autry, *alias* Williams, one of the above named defendants, is not to be found in Cumberland county, and cannot, after due diligence be found in the State, and it further appearing that he is a necessary party to an action relating to Real Estate in this State:

It is therefore ordered, that notice of this action be published once a week for six weeks in THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER, a newspaper published in Cumberland County, setting forth the title of the action, the purpose of the same, and requiring the defendant to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland county, at his office in the Court House in Fayetteville, N. C., on the 17th day of March, 1900, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, or the relief therein will be granted.

A. A. McKETHAN, Clerk
Superior Court.

This 31st day of January, 1900.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In Superior Court
Cumberland County. } before the Clerk.

D. P. McEachern Administrator of John Buie, *vs.* Laura P. Ray, executrix of N. W. Ray and Trustee, and Neill A. Buie, Anna Buie, Sarah Graham, Flora Bishop Bateom and her husband, Daniel Batsom, Neill A. Buie, John C. Buie, Mary McN. Buie, Luther Buie, James A. Buie, S M. Taylor and M. A. Taylor, heirs-at-law of John Buie.

The defendants above named, and especially Flora Bishop Batsom and her husband, Daniel Batsom, Neill A. Buie, John C. Buie and James A. Buie, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland County, the purpose of said action being to sell certain real estate in Cumberland county for division between the estate of the late John Buie and that of the late Capt. N. W. Ray and to make assets to pay the debts of the estate of the said John Buie; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of this Court at his office in the Court House in said county, on Thursday, the 22d day of March, 1900, and answer or demur to the petition in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in their petition.

This the 7th day of February, 1900.

A. A. McKETHAN,
Clerk Superior Court.

N. A. Sinclair, Attorney.

NORTH CAROLINA. } In Superior Court
Cumberland County. } before the Clerk.

Daniel McKethan vs S. J. Cameron and wife, L. M. Cameron, R S. Clark and wife, Christian Jane Clark, Sarah M. McKethan, James L. Sinclair, Jno. A. S nclair and Dickson Sinclair.

The defendants above named, especially R S. Clark and wife, Christian Jane Clark, James L. Sinclair and John A Sinclair, will take notice that a special proceeding entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland county based upon the petitions of plaintiff for partition, by sale, of certain real estate in Cumberland county recently owned by Cynthia A. McKethan, deceased; and the defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland county on the 1st day of March, 1900, at 12 o'clock m , and answer the petition of the plamtiff, or the relief therein demanded will be granted.

This 13th day of January, 1900.

A. A. McKETHAN, C. S. C.,
Cumberland County.

Robinson & Shaw, Attornies for Petitioner, Fayetteville, N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In the Superior Court,
Cumberland Co. } before the Clerk.

E. F. Moore, S. B. Talbot and wife vs. Simon Becton and E. M. Nimocks.

The defendant, E. M. Nimocks, above named, will take notice that a motion has been filed in the Superior Court of Cumberland county to revive the judgment heretofore rendered in this action, to-wit, on the 9th day of May, 1892, for the sum of $128 00 and for costs, $56 65, which judgment was duly docketed on the Judgment Docket of said Court, and stands upon said docket unsatisfied, and S. B. Talbot, one of the plaintiffs, who, together with his wife, is the owner of said judgment, has made oath that said judgment has not been satisfied in full; and said E. M. Nimocks will take further notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of this Court, at his office in Fayetteville, N. C., on the 26th day of February, 1900, and show cause, if any he has, why execution should not issue on said judgment for the amount still unpaid and due thereon, or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded.

This the 16th day of January, 1900.

A. A. McKETHAN,
Clerk Superior Court.

N. A. Sinclair, Attorney.

Commissioner's Land Sale.

By virtue of a judgment and decree of the Superior Court of Cumberland county rendered in a proceeding therein pending entitled D. J. Ray and wife M. C. Campbell, Sarah C. McDuffie and others, *ex parte*, I will offer and sell, by public auction for cash, at Montrose in Cumberland county, on

Monday, the 2nd Day of April,

1900, at 11 o'c'ock A M.,

100 ACRES OF LAND,

consisting of two tracts of 50 acres each, in Cumberland county, on the waters of Big Rockfish, south of the head of Cabin Branch, bounded by each other and the Gillis land, fully described in the petition in the above case on file in the Clerk's office in said county.

This February 28th, 1900

A. C. CAMPBELL,
Commissioner.

Sale of Valuable Property.

For the purpose of liquidating the affairs of the Beaver Creek & Bluff Mills Company, which has sold its manufacturing plant, the undersigned will, at 12 o'clock on

Wednesday, the 14th day of March,

1900, if not sold privately, expose to sale at public auction, at the Market House in Fayetteville, N. C., the following described property in the city of Fayetteville to-wit:

The six lots and buildings thereon, situate on the northern side of Maiden Lane, known as "The Thornton Row"

One lot and building thereon situate on the south-east corner of Hay and Winslow streets, known as "The Myrover Store."

Fuller description of this property and other desired information can be had at the office of the Company.

Terms of sale are *cash*, but satisfactory purchasers can, by paying one-third cash, obtain reasonable time for the payment of the balance

H. W. LILLY, President.
Beaver Creek & Bluff Mills.

Mortgage Sale.

By virtue of the power and authority given in a certain mortgage executed by D. McDonald D. F. McDonald and wife, Lou Ella McDonald, to Jas. D Geddie, recorded in Book T, No. 4, page 245, the following lands will be offered for sale by public auction viz:

First tract- beginning at Neill McDougald's upper corner on the river bank and runs thence with his line *S 9 E* 114 chs to a stake and pointers, his corner in the back line of the Troy survey; then with his line *N* 81 *E* 15 chs 32 lks to a stake and pointers; then *N* 16 *E* 68 chs 50 lks to a stake in the main road two red oak pointers; then along the middle of the road *N* 74 *W* 29 lks; then *N* 68 *W* 5 chs 75 lks; then *N* 54 *W* 16 chs 50 lks to a stake and pointers; then *N* 9 *W* 56 chs 50 lks to a stake and pointers on the river bank; then down the various courses of the river to the beginning, containing 264 acres.

Second tract—beginning on the river bank, Alex. McAlister corner, a walnut, sycamore and hackberry tree pointers, and runs with said McAlister line *S* 9 *E* 114 chs to a stake and pointers, another of McAlister's corners; then *S* 81 *W* 19 c s to a stake in a field; then *N* 10 *W* 12 chs 40 lks to a stake; then *S* 81 *W* 6 chs, 71 lks to a rock and pointers; then *N* 10 *W* 82 chs to a tree on the river bank; then up the various courses of the river to the begi ning, containing 166 acres, less 83 acres cut off and sold to N. G. Wade, being part of the Williams land.

Third tract—beginning at a stake on the river bank upper corner of the two hundred and sixty four acre tract, and runs with upper line of said tract *S 9 E* 40½ chs to a stake by cross fence; thence *N* 75½ *E* 18½ chs to a stake in Wade's line; then *N* 9 *W* 10 chains to a stake on the river bank; then down the various courses of the river to the beginning, containing 4½ acres more or less, being part of Troy land.

These tracts adjoin and make up the D. McDonald farm.

Place of sale: Market House, Fayetteville, N. C.

Time of sale: Saturday, March 10, 1900, at 12 o'clock M.

Terms of sale: Cash.

JAS. D. GEDDIE,
Mortgagee.